

Season's Greetings



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Greetings!

The *Avalanche* will be closed Dec. 24th and 31st to allow employees to share time with their families.

Frederic goes from zoning to planning

► Board will expand from five to seven members, effective in 2000

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

With a unanimous vote last week, the Frederic Township Board officially changed the township's five-member Zoning Board to a seven-member Planning Commission. The duties of the board will remain essentially the same, township officials said.

The main reason for the move, said Board Trustee and Frederic Zoning Administrator Mike Girard, is the township is currently in the middle of establishing a master plan, and the two extra members on the board will be a big help.

Another purpose of the change is to allow more even representation of Frederic Township on the board, Girard said, especially the west area of the township, which is not represented on the five-person zoning board.

The five people currently serving on the Zoning Board will remain on the board as members of the Planning Commission, and two more members will be added to bring the tally up to seven.

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Photo courtesy of AuSable Primary School

KEEPING UP WITH THE SEASON'S SPIRIT – First grade students at AuSable Primary School made Santa hats and beards as one of their Christmas art projects and wanted everyone to see their handiwork as well as get on the good side of jolly old St. Nick.

Recall time expires

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Four petitions to recall four members of the Frederic Township Board of Trustees were not delivered to the Crawford County Clerk's office within the 180 days allotted.

County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore said that petitions to have Supervisor Brian Hulbert, Nancy Bindschattel, Karen Bindschattel and Mike Girard recalled have expired.

Petition language submitted by Frederic Township resident Stephen Mulder was approved by the Board of County Election Commissioners on June 21, 1999, making the deadline to submit the petitions with the required 130 registered elector signatures December 20, 1999.

Huss gives update on Honeywell case

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss advised the County Board of Commissioners of the latest action in a case brought against Honeywell Corporation, subcontractors and financiers filed last July, regarding improper asbestos removal at the County Building back in July 1996.

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County citizens show heart

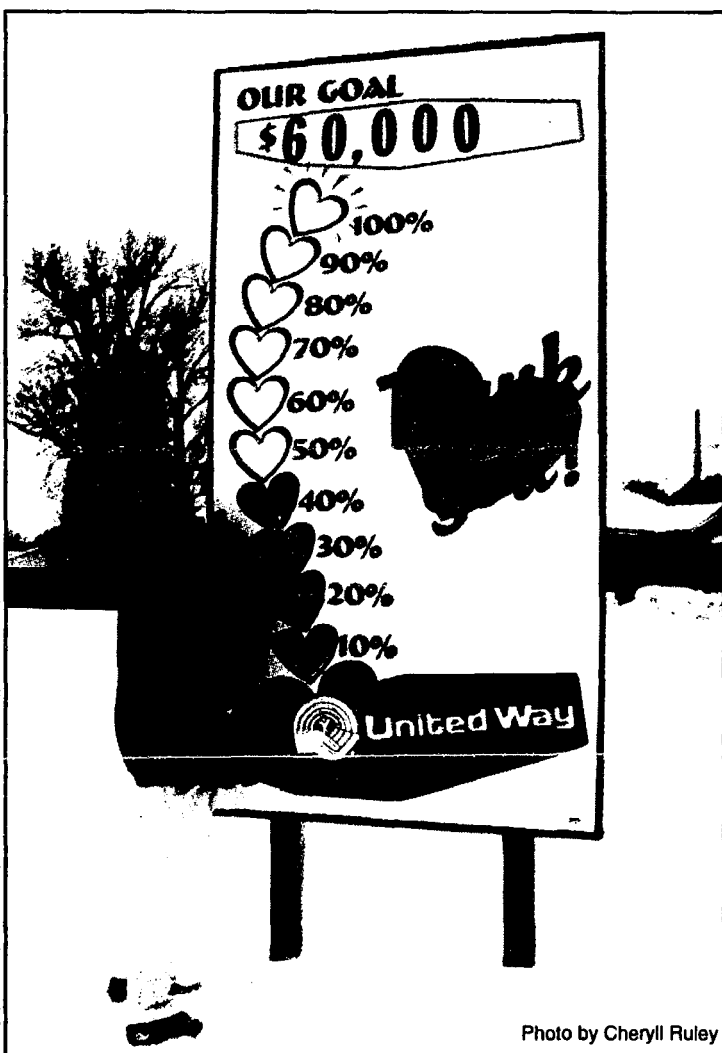


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

IT ALL ADDS UP – Crawford County United Way Treasurer, Linda Golnick, is happy to brave Grayling's first snowfall in order to display recent campaign achievements. The local chapter reached the 40% mark last week, or \$24,000, after Mercy Hospital made their donation. There is still time to send in a tax-deductible donation to help out local charities and agencies that service the people of Crawford County. Mail check or money order to: P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.

STING commander updates Frederic Township Board

► As requested, STING provides board with more information

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

When the Frederic Township Board decided to pay the annual dues to STING in September (about \$1,500), the Board made a request of the program to provide a presentation about STING and its functions. On December 14 the request was fulfilled.

Sheriff Dave Lovely opened the

presentation by pointing out the importance of STING (Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group), a unit of eight officers that works on narcotics cases within its six-county jurisdiction, including Crawford.

Lovely reported that Crawford County has recently had a sudden surge of crack use, and that STING is an important part of area law enforcement as perceived "big city problems" continue to seep into the county.

"It's nice to have this team here," said Lovely.

Sheriff Lovely introduced STING

Commander Mark Chapman, who gave a detailed presentation to the Frederic Township Board concerning the duties of STING, financial issues, jurisdiction, and an explanation of how narcotics enforcement relates with other crimes.

Chapman explained how jurisdictional problems plagued the efforts of the early drug war, as suppliers moved county to county and state to state to avoid apprehension, and users and their suppliers were not always located in the same county.

About 20 years ago, the multi-jurisdictional concept was initiated,

and STING was formed in 1990, Chapman said.

STING was brought about by a federal grant with the idea that it would also be funded in part by the state, as well as local units of government, for the purpose of "narcotics enforcement."

Chapman reported that many of the same people involved in narcotics use and distribution are also involved in such other crimes as B&E's, larcenies, and vandalism.

"It's our belief that the entire

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See "STING commander..."

Snow patrol makes drunk driving arrest

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Sheriff's Snowmobile Patrol nabbed this season's first official drunken snowmobiler last Thursday afternoon around 3 p.m.

According to Sheriff David Lovely, the subject is a Crawford County resident who was stopped on M-72 West and charged with Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, along with three other traffic offenses.

The subject's name is being withheld pending arraignment.

Sheriff Lovely reported the incident as the first snowmobile stop, and first arrest this season, for the grant-funded snowmobile law enforcement officers.



Photo courtesy of Frederic Elementary School

BOWLS FULL OF LOVE – Frederic Elementary students, including Sheena Russell, Shelby Pippin and Lucas Pippin, created pottery bowls for a good cause. See Page 10A for more.

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Old 27 project funded at Task Force

► Road Commission and Transportation Authority both receive funds for projects

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

As anticipated, the Road Commission's planned reconstruction project for a section of Old US-27 did receive funding at the annual Task Force meeting, to the tune of \$655,000.

The project, which will rework the segment of Old US-27 from M-93 to Hulbert Road in Frederic, will be funded 80 percent by the money secured at the Task Force meeting and 20 by the Road Commission.

(The annual Task Force meeting involves road commissions, transportation authorities and cities from eight area counties distributing Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and Transportation Economic Development Category D Funds, state and federal money.)

As part of the process requirements, the Road Commission and Transportation Authority held a public hearing last week to discuss the results of the Task Force meeting, which was held on December 9. "We did pretty well," reported Dave Frederick of the Crawford County Transportation Authority.

Crawford County had the highest balance of the eight counties in the Task Force, so Crawford had the top spot. For next year, the Road Commission secured funds for the

Old 27 project, and the Transportation Authority received \$45,000 in D Funds for a storage building and equipment purchases.

The City of Grayling, which is also eligible for funds in the eight-county Task Force, did not participate. The city has generally not sought funds at the Task Force due to its income tax system, which is used exclusively to fund city road and sidewalk projects.

Because of requirements involved in projects using state and federal money, including adjusted labor costs and required local matches, it is generally in the city's favor to use its income tax money for road projects, Frederick explained, though the city could go after enhancement money at the Task Force in order to beautify areas near a roadway.

"If the city decided to do that, the Road Commission and Transportation Authority would probably be very supportive of that," Frederick said.

For the Task Force's four-year plan, the Road Commission designated McMasters Bridge Road from M-72 to North Down River Road (7.6 miles) as the top priority for 2002. The Road Commission had planned to do the project in two sections, one in 2001 and the second in 2002, but decided to defer the 2001 funds and try to complete the entire project in 2002.

A section of North Down River Road, from Wakeley Bridge Road to Stephan Bridge Road, was entered into the four-year plan for 2003.

The Old U-27 project is expected to take place in the summer of 2000.

Frederic goes from zoning to planning

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By law, one of the Planning Commission members must also be a member of the Frederic Township Board. The Township Supervisor cannot serve on the Planning Commission according to the law, and Girard is also ineligible for the position, since he currently serves as the township zoning administrator.

The process of selecting members for the Planning Commission Board will differ slightly from that used for

appointing Zoning Board members.

Zoning Board appointees were chosen by the Township Board from a list of applicants. Now, appointees for the Planning Commission will be selected by the Township Supervisor from the applicant list, and brought to the Township Board for final approval.

"There are very few zoning boards," said Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert. "Most communities have planning commissions."

At the township's regular meeting last Tuesday, Treasurer Sandy Barber moved to make the change from Zoning Board to Planning Commission. Township Clerk Nancy Bindschattel seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

The change will become effective in February of 2000, 60 days after publication requirements are met.

Girard said the township still has several applications from the previous search for zoning board mem-

bers, and he will be contacting those applicants to see if they are still interested. Also, new applications are welcome. Any Frederic resident interested in serving on the Planning Commission should contact the Frederic Township Hall.

Christmas trees brought to us by Germans

German immigrants, homesick for the traditions of their native land, were the first to decorate Christmas trees in their homes in the U.S., according to tradition.

Historians believe it was about the end of the Revolution that the practice began to grow in the colonies.

Before that the Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan.

Reprinted from December 24, 1953 Crawford County Avalanche.

Snowmobilers get parking lot in Frederic

► Township, DNR, and AVSA work to put in parking lot

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

At the request of Frederic Township and just in time for winter, a project involving the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) recently resulted in the installation

of a snowmobile parking lot in the township.

The parking lot, which measures about 150 by 300 feet, is located on County Road 612, about a half mile east of Old 27. It is adjacent to the snowmobile trail connecting Grayling and Frederic, and is ready for traffic.

"There was a real need for a parking lot (for snowmobilers) up here," said Frederic Township Trustee Mike Girard.

The work, which was completed



by Jack Millikin, Inc. of Grayling, involved installation of a driveway and culvert, and some graveling.

The project cost, about \$5,000, was paid for by the AVSA. The AVSA will be reimbursed by the DNR in the form of a grant.



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Leonard's case against county closed

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A \$25,000 lawsuit filed in July, 1998 against Crawford County by Louanne Leonard, former confidential secretary to the County Board of Commissioners, was closed when no amendments to her suit were filed.

Leonard was given 45 days from October 19, 1999 to amend her suit after the 46th Circuit Trial Court agreed with the County's legal counsel that both Counts I and II were really a statement of the same

claim — violations of the Whistle-Blowers Act.

In Count I, Leonard's attorney, Robert J. Krupka, claimed his client's position was reduced from full-time to half-time as retaliatory action for reporting to law enforcement alleged file tampering by Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore. (The alleged tampering was investigated by the Michigan State Police, but no charges resulted from it.) Krupka stated this was a violation of the Standards of Conduct for Public Officers and Employees Act.

In Count II, Krupka claimed that the reduction of Leonard's full-time position while other employees in the same or similar positions retained their full-time status was also retaliatory and a violation of the Whistle-Blowers Act.

The Court also ruled Leonard could not prove any other reason than the County's claim of economic necessity for the County Commissioners to eliminate the position of their own confidential secretary.

In Count III, where Leonard

claimed age discrimination because a person younger than herself was hired to fill a Deputy Court Clerk position for which she had applied, the Court ruled in favor of the County because hiring for such a position is the decision of the Court, not the County. Leonard's attorney did not present argument against this ruling.

According to a letter dated December 1, received by the County from their attorney James I. Sullivan, both he and Krupka have closed their files in the matter.

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Huss gives update on Honeywell case

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"I have served all parties and contacted attorneys," said Huss at the Board's regular meeting on December 15. Huss said that a mutual agreement has been made

between the County and Honeywell. divisions of Citicorp. Harris Sheet Metal Company and Figurine Construction Inc., to allow additional time to make an offer and settle the case out of court.

Figurine Construction was the subcontractor hired to dismantle the old heating system, including a boiler. According to Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore, a small number of high school students were paid in cash by Figurine to help with the dismantling.

Asbestos was allegedly removed outside of safety standards, some by the students, during the renovation of the heating and air conditioning system. The County is seeking damages of around \$70,000 to cover expenses of lost work hours when the County Building was closed for three days after the asbestos problem was discovered. Damage amounts will also include costs of pulmonary function tests for employees, as well as proper clean up of the building.

At the time of renovation, Moore said she noticed dust coming from the heat vents in her office, but was assured by an employee of Figurine that it did not contain asbestos. Moore said that a local citizen con-

tacted a state agency which investigated, finding asbestos was present.

Subsequently, Crawford County was fined \$1,750 (reduced from \$3,500 because of the County's cooperation) by the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services for improper removal of asbestos.

"As owners of the building, we are ultimately responsible to see this through," Huss said.

The original summons to all parties expired October 15, 1999. Moore said the Huss was having difficulty serving the defendants because of address changes and extended the summons to allow them to respond. So far, only Harris Sheet Metal has indicated a desire to receive word from the court regarding any action in the matter.

The summons has been extended to April 15, 2001.

As of this date, no lawsuits have been filed by students or their families against any of the parties involved.



FRUITFUL SALE — Viking Band members held their annual fruit sale recently. Instructor Dennis Ormsbee along with volunteer helpers made sure everyone got their order right on December 11 at Grayling Elementary School.

STING commander updates Frederic Township Board

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gamut of crime is related to drug use," Chapman said.

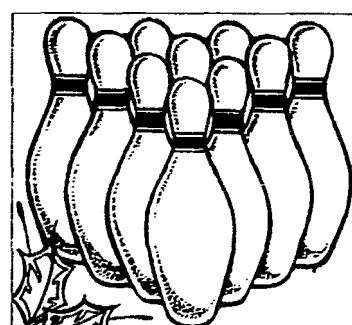
Treasurer Sandy Barber asked how many cases STING has worked on in Frederic Township. The 1999 overall report was not yet available, but according to the 1998 report, which Chapman provided a copy of to the board, STING handled two cases in Frederic that year, compared to seven in Grayling Township and four in Beaver Creek. Two STING cases were also worked in Lovells and South Branch, and one in the City of Grayling, according to the report.

"I can tell you, you do have a drug problem in your township," said Chapman. "But you have to realize, the fact of the matter is if we arrest someone in the City of Grayling, he might be the one sup-

plying Frederic Township."

The presentation was helpful to the board, Trustee Mike Girard said.

"It went pretty good, it was kind of what the board was looking for," said Girard. "Most of the board members have an idea of what STING's about, but it was good to get it straight from the horse's mouth."



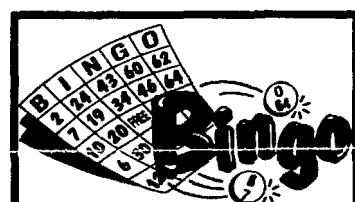
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

One solitary life ...

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following thoughts were first gathered into a Christmas column and offered in The Almanack more than 30 years ago; over the years, they have appeared several times during the Christmas season -- and are still appropriate.)

"HE WAS born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another small village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

"While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on Earth, and that was His coat.

"When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pit of a friend.

"Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched ... and all the navies that ever said ... and all the parliaments that ever sat ... and all the kings that ever reigned, put together ... have not affected the life of man upon this Earth, as

has
"... That one solitary life."

* * *
OF COURSE, I didn't originate that article; I only repeat it from the original and unknown (to me) author.

But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of "One Solitary Life" helps us add perspective to our activities, especially as we enjoy the Christmas season each year.

What we seek is meaning in our own lives. We seek happiness, each in his or her own form, and happiness comes in many guises.

As long as I'm quoting, let me endorse the formula for happiness set down many years ago by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"A happy life is to laugh often and to love much ... to win the respect of intelligent

persons and the affection of children ... to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends ... to appreciate beauty ... to give one's self ... to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition... to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, and to have sung with exaltation ... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived ..."

That, my friends, brings meaning. That brings happiness.

* * *
YES, WE NEED a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living, and to our life. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and touching prayers ever composed is the familiar Prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your

peace ... where there is hatred, let me sow love ... where there is injury, pardon ... where there is despair, hope ... where there is darkness, light ... and where there is sadness, joy.

"Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console ... to be understood as to understand ... to be loved as to love ..."

"For it is in giving that we receive ... it is in pardoning that we are pardoned ... and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Truly, words to live by.

* * *
TO ALL OF YOU, a blessed and joyous Christmas and holiday season from *The Almanack*.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Ask taxpayers if they want a new library

To the editor,

Regarding your article on the donation for the library, I feel that if Ms. Leslie Devereaux wants a library in honor of "Richard and Adeline Devereaux" she should pay for it, not give a donation in hopes that "John Q. Public" will support her wishes by paying additional property taxes through a bond issue.

Other more important bond issues have failed by the tax-paying public and for Mr. Terry Wright to say that the "more people give to support this library, the less they will have to ask for" ... well, I've got news for Mr. Wright. The tax-paying public is tired of increases in property taxes just to support someone's ego.

Why do we continue to think that the tax-paying citizens of Crawford County want something that others want "named in honor of?" In order to build and operate this new library, the tax-payers must commit to a long term bond issue, which will add additional property taxes to all home owners. Maybe \$25 or \$30 isn't much for some, to others, the tax base is already too high.

I appeal to Devereaux: wouldn't it be a lot nicer if you ask the people of Crawford County if they want a new library and want to take on this additional tax burden?

Art Evon
Grayling

Magazines were for patients, not dumpster

To the editor,

Last week one day, I took a large stack of magazines (as I have in the past) to the hospital. The lady volunteer there told me to put them on the counter, and then a gentleman volunteer happened along and she asked him to take care of them.

They discussed where to take them. "... this place was full of cookies and that place had a lot of magazines, etc."

Then he asked her where there was a dumpster and I told him they weren't going in a dumpster and I

would take them to Cadillac Hospital the next time I was going. So I took them home and Kalkaska Medical Center wanted them.

I thought the gentleman volunteer was really rude and unkind. He could have said, "Thank you, but we can't use them right now," or something to that effect.

Thank you for listening. I wrote a letter to the Grayling Mercy Hospital Administration, too.

Karen Anderson
Lake City

Young spoke for many

To the editor,

Former Senator Robert D. Young got it right in his letter to the editor about John Huss.

I agree with what he said. He spoke for a lot of people.

Irv Melsaac
Grayling

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VIEWPOINT

It's time to raise the cap: Charter schools are a success!

by Governor John M. Engler

The 1990s in Michigan will go down in history as the education decade. More reforms, more improvements to public education, and more choices for students and parents have been accomplished this decade than in any other. Test scores are up, classroom teaching has improved and parents are more involved and empowered in their children's education.

But of all the reforms and improvements to Michigan's public education system, one of the more profound and positive impacts has come from giving parents educational choice through the creation of public charter schools. That's why it is time to raise the arbitrarily low cap on public charter schools.

In Michigan today, 173 charter public schools educate nearly 50,000 students. About 85 percent of charter schools are in metropolitan areas, half of which are in some of the more troubled districts. Most new charter schools are opening in districts where minorities comprise more than a third of enrollment.

The verdict is in on the public charter school experiment in Michigan: They are a ringing success.

Charter public schools are improving the lives of thousands of Michigan students through new and exciting alternatives to traditional public education. Consider the facts:

- Charter public school students

from the eighth grade scored higher than the statewide average in science and writing on last year's Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests;

- Charter public schools are improving the education of children in traditional schools. According to an independent study conducted by Michigan State University, competition for students between traditional school districts and charter schools is improving the overall quality of education as existing schools make needed changes in order to keep and attract new students;

- Early success of charter public schools has increased parental demand for more schools of choice. This year, Michigan colleges and universities - the major sponsor of these schools in the state - received more than 100 applications for new charter public schools for the 2000-2001 school year;

- And, more than 50 percent of students in charter public schools are minorities, and even more come from families with incomes below the poverty level.

Since the first charter public schools opened in 1994, parents yearning for more educational choices and better opportunities for their children have flocked to these new schools. Waiting lists are long, and the public demand for more of them is high.

But the true testimony of these

reforms comes from the students who are learning and earning a chance for a better life.

At Holland Public Schools in West Michigan, administrators now survey parents who enroll their children in one of the community's three public charter schools to find out why they decided to pull their kids out of the traditional public schools in the hope of finding ways to improve the present system. Everyone benefits.

And then there is the Crossroads Academy in Big Rapids. That public charter school had some of the highest test scores in its Intermediate School District in its first year of operation. On top of that, it has established an extremely positive relationship with area public school districts, so much so that the intermediate school district runs part of its special education program at the academy.

Whether it's been in failing urban school districts or districts considered above average, Michigan has proved that charter public schools work to make all schools better.

Now, it is time for the state to take the next logical step in education reform by raising the cap on the number of charter schools.

Parental demand for more choices has caused Michigan to reach the ceiling in the number of charter schools that can be sponsored by a college or university. That limit was

reached this fall.

That's why last week I proposed raising the cap on charter schools by 50 next year to meet pent-up demand, and again by a modest 25 every year thereafter.

I also proposed allowing businesses to set up on-site charter schools for children of their employees. Not only will this give parents even more options, it will get more businesses directly involved in the education of the next generation of high-tech workers.

In addition, raising the cap will help at-risk students who are falling through the cracks of the current system by allowing them to receive the specialized education and attention they need to succeed.

If Michigan truly is going to lead our nation into the 21st century, then it must continue the reforms it started in the 1990s. And chief among these reforms is continuing to provide more choices in public education.

With more public charter schools, parents will be better able to choose the best type of public education for their children.

By raising the cap on public charter schools, everyone wins. The only prudent course is to give parents and students more choices -- choices that have made Michigan a model of education reform throughout the nation. Our children deserve nothing less.

'Twas the Night Before ...

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney, with presents to give,
and to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands,
with medals and badges, awards of all kinds.
A sober thought came through my mind.
For this house was different, it as dark and dreary
I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.
The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
not how I pictured a United States soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?
I realized the families that I saw this night,
owed their lives to these soldiers
who were willing to fight.
Soon round the world, the children would play,
and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas Day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,

because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye.
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
my life is my God, my country, my corps."
The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep.
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still
and we both shivered from the cold night's chill.
I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night,
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

*This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa. Christmas is coming soon, and credit is due to our U.S. Veterans and active service men and women that we are able to celebrate this festive season.
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BRIEFS

New Skate Park looking for own logo

Grayling Recreation Authority's (GRA) new Hanson Hill Skate Park will open Thursday, December 23 at 12 noon. GRA is holding a contest to choose an official logo for the facility and everyone is welcome to enter. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place designs. Entries should be mailed to: Grayling Recreation Authority, P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738; or faxed to: (517) 348-1393; or dropped off at the Skate Park or GRA offices at Hanson Hills. Contest entry deadline is December 31, 1999. For more information, call 348-9266.

City, County offices close for holiday

The Crawford County Courthouse and all county offices will close for the Christmas holiday on Wednesday, December 23 at 2 p.m. and re-open Monday, December 27 for regular office hours. Grayling City offices will be closed for Christmas on Thursday and Friday, December 23-24 and re-open the following Monday, too. Grayling City, as well as Crawford County and all court offices will all be closed Friday, December 31 for New Year's Eve.

First Red Cross blood drive for 2000 planned

A MATES sponsored Red Cross Blood drive will be held Wednesday, January 5, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the Grayling American Legion. There is a need for all blood types. Seniors are welcome and nurses will be available for questions.

The Grayling High School Blood Drive on November 3, was very successful with 145 donors and 48 first-time donors. This will possibly help at least 234 patients.

First-time donors were: Katie Bonne, Eric Brinks, Chad Brown, Dan Canfield, Joseph Capuano, Jason Collen, Matthew Cragg, Colby Davis, Eric DeLine, Amy Doherty, Matthew Evon, Jessica Ferrigan, Brandon Gabriel, Alan Geiss, William Harris, William Gosling, Kirk Heider, Heidi Hellebuyck, Nate Hinkle, Rachel Hunt, Jeremiah Johnson, Thomas King Jr., Matthew Kroell, Per Lampinen, Michael Latusek, Amy

Lehto, Brandi Lewis, Justin Manier, Melanie McClain, Sarah McGuire, Heidi Niederer, Jenny Palmer, Melanie Paxton, Erich Podjaske, Lindsay Porter, Michael Pratt, James Rankin, Sarah Respecki, Christopher Roby, Richard Rogers, Jr., Tiffany Ruark, Benjamin Sartin, Krystal Savoy, Michelle Stamper, Russel Strohpaal III, Mika Sumner, Kelly Wilson and Justin Wright.

Gallon Donors were: one gallon - Mac Ashworth and Paul Burke; two gallons - Georgetta Holfelder and Ronald Rakoczy, Jr.; three gallons - David White and Kathleen Baker.

The Frederic Blood Drive, held on November 4, had 28 donors. First-time donors were Michael Johnson Sr., Michael Nagy and Christopher Pippin.

Gallon donors were: four gallon: Shirley Schmooch; eight gallons - William Fairbotham Jr.; 10 gallons - Richard Shoemaker.

Recycling program will help hatchery



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

NEW PROGRAM - Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill has discovered a new way to help the environment, at the same time help the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project. Merrill is distributing postage-paid bags for area businesses, organizations and individuals to send their ink jet and laser jet cartridges for recycling. The program costs nothing for those who wish to participate. For every ink jet cartridge sent in, the hatchery project will receive \$1 and \$3 for every laser jet cartridge. "It's so easy," Merrill says. "Just drop it in the bag and drop it in the mail. No landfill space used and the hatchery benefits, too." Anyone wishing to participate may call Merrill at 344-3258. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project, may send it to: P.O. Box 1128, Grayling, MI 49738.

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Q: My husband died last summer. Why am I still sad?



Grief can last a long time after a loved one dies. There is no "correct" way to grieve; it affects each person differently. Hospice of Michigan offers bereavement support for anyone who is experiencing a loss. Please call for a schedule of support sessions in your community.

Please call Cindy Witkowski, Bereavement Svcs.
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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

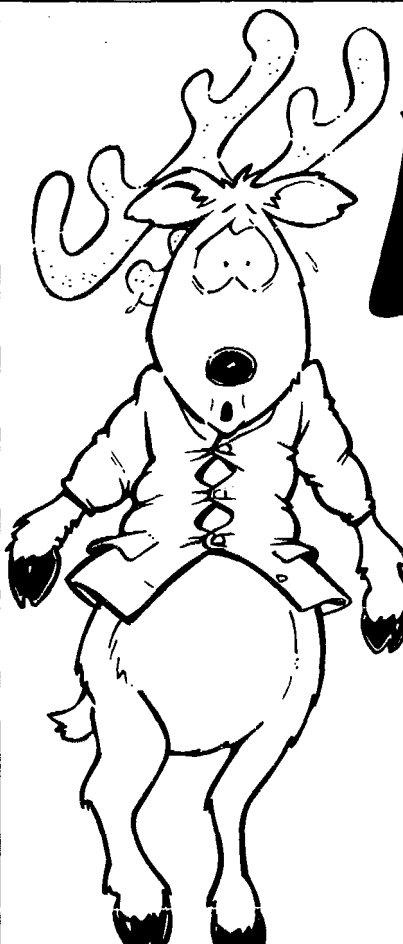
STRESS FRACTURES

Stress fractures are slight cracks in a bone's surface. Occurring most often in the feet and legs, stress fractures develop from chronic, excessive impact. Runners are especially susceptible to this type of injury. Intense pain and sharp, localized tenderness are the main symptoms of a stress fracture. The fracture will hurt when pressed directly from above and below, unlike tendons or ligaments, which usually only hurt when pressed from one side. X-rays usually do not detect stress fractures until a callus - a layer of new bone - forms over the crack, a process that takes two to three weeks. Rest is the most effective treatment for a stress fracture. Any inflammation may be relieved with ice and anti-inflammatory medications.

Your feet take a tremendous pounding.

Walking on cement, for instance, can give each foot a 180-pound jolt with every step you take. This wear and tear can take its toll, sometimes causing stress fractures or even a broken bone. Combine this with poorly fitting shoes and you can end up with a lot of pain and an inability to move with ease. Don't let this happen to you. Professional foot care is available for you and your family here at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. PH: 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Individuals with stress fractures often switch temporarily to a different exercise program to prevent extension of the crack.



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The Bible Speaks

The Christ of Christmas

The first angelic message to the shepherds revealed the birth of a savior called Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11) "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Jesus is revealed to us as the Christ or promised Jewish Messiah by Holy Scriptures. (John 20:31) "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Andrew told his brother Peter this truth. (John 1:41) "He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ."

The primary purpose for which Jesus Christ came to earth was to save sinners. (1 Peter 3:18) "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." That is the heart of the gospel. (1 Corinthians 15:3,4) "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." As the great apostle Paul said, (1 Timothy 1:15) "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the

world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. This is why Paul said in Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

But many did not believe in Jesus as the Christ even when He walked the earth. When Jesus Christ was put on trial the High Priest asked him "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" (Mark 14:62,63,64) "And Jesus said, I am; and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death." After choosing the release of a condemned robber instead of Jesus Christ, Pilate asked the crowd to determine the fate of Christ. (Matthew 27:22) "Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified."

What will we do with Jesus Christ this Christmas season? Can we declare with the apostles in John 6:69, "And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus Christ said in John 8:24, "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your

sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (1 Timothy 2:5) "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" (2 Corinthians 13:5) "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith: prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

You will either worship Him now as the Lamb of God who died for your sins, or face Him as your judge at His return. You can start the coming new year, decade, century, and millennium with Jesus Christ in your heart! Only Jesus Christ can bring you a truly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

-Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 am

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Planetarium features Star of Bethlehem program

The Christmas season is here and the staff of the Jesse Besser Museum's planetarium wants to help everyone get into the holiday spirit. So, they will once again be presenting their traditional Christmas program called "The Star of Bethlehem."

In this program, the sky is presented as the Wisemen would have seen it above the Middle East 2000 years ago.

This program does not address the question, "was there a Star of Bethlehem?" -- that is taken as fact. What the program attempts to do is give an astronomical explanation as to what that star of old might have been.

Additionally, the Scriptures are used to try and pinpoint the actual date of Christ's birth, which is not on December 25, as it is often celebrated.



Traditional holiday music abounds throughout the program.

"The Star of Bethlehem" will be showing each Sunday through January 2. Presentations of "The Star of Bethlehem" are at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Admission to the planetarium is \$1, in addition to admission to the Museum.

During this busy holiday season,

why not spend a relaxing afternoon at the Jesse Besser Museum's planetarium enjoying a traditional holiday favorite, "The Star of Bethlehem."

For additional information, contact Tom Gougeon, planetarium coordinator, at the Jesse Besser Museum (located at 491 Johnson Street in Alpena) at (517) 356-2202.

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Church Directory

An Unopened Gift

Trampled paper and untied trimmings tumble from the wastepaper basket as Christmas morning dries into afternoon. Have all the presents been opened? Think hard. Is there one that remains unopened? "No," you say. "Don't you see that there is not one left under the tree?" Ah! It is a present that you cannot see, but one that you can feel...in your heart. Do you know what it is?

Many of us know, yet some do not. On a First Baptist Church bulletin in Syracuse, New York, it was written...



"There was a gift for each of us left under the tree of life two thousand years ago by Him whose birthday we celebrate today. Some have left the packages unclaimed. Some have accepted the gift and carry it around, but have failed to remove the wrappings and look inside to discover the hidden splendor. The packages are all alike: in each is a scroll on which is written, 'All that the Father hath is thine'. Take and live!"

Is there an unopened present under your tree this Christmas?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke 1:1-25	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-56	Luke 1:57-66	Luke 1:67-80	Luke 2:1-20	John 1:1-18

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Sunday Worship... 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May... 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry... 8 am, 101.1 WQON
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033
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Church Service... 9:30 am
Sabbath School... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
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Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School... 9:30 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament... 10 am
Sunday School... 11 am
Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
Relief Society... 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor James Briney
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Sunday Worship... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
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Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
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Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School... 9:45 am
Preaching... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
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Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
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Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass... 6 pm
Sunday Masses... 8:00 am
Family Mass... 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays)... 9:15 am
Daily Masses... 8:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays... 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm
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Grayling Days Inn Conference Room
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Sunday Services... 11:00 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Gordon French, Pastor
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613
Sunday Classes... 10 am
Sunday Worship... 11 am
Sunday Evening... 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School... 9 am
Sunday Service... 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
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Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Service... 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448
Sunday School... 10 am
Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday... 7 pm

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School... 10 am
Chapel Service... 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting... 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd. (M-72 W.) • 348-5362
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Morning Service... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)... 7 pm

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Sunday Worship... 8 & 10:30 am
Sunday School & Bible Study... 9:15 am
Tuesday Night School... 5:30 pm
Wednesday am Bible Study... 9 am
Advent Services Wed. Nights... 7 pm
On December 1, 8 & 15
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service... 7 pm
New Years Eve Service... 7 pm

St. Francis Episcopal
Rev. Robert Henley
M-72 West - Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist... 8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Praise... 10:30 am
(the second Sunday of each month)
Adult & Children's Sunday School... 9:30 am
Sunday nursery provided... 10:30 am
by Licensed Daycare Professional
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday)... 6:45 pm

St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)
Herbert R. Filter - Pastor
For information call 275-5443
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Luzerne Baptist
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Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship... 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm

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Sunday School... 10:30 am

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Primary students take a look at lumbering



FIELD TRIP - On October 25-26 AuSable Primary School kindergartners, in Mrs. Nunn's and Mrs. Karla Goetz's classes, visited Hartwick Pines State Park to gain a better understanding of trees and lumbering in conjunction with school studies. While at Hartwick Pines, students paid a visit to the Interpretive Center. Here (left) Jourdan Stephenson and Riley Zigila from Mrs. Nunn's class and Chanaujee Anderson, James Sego and Jordin Grisby from Mrs. Goetz's class, study the 1910-era lumberjacks and their attire.

BIG WHEELS - Gathered in front of "Big Wheels" at Hartwick Pines State Park are the students in Mrs. Nunn's blue group. Standing (l to r): Kaiti LeBlanc, Kristi Helsel, Emily Ventline, student teacher Ms. Heather Millikin, Josie Swander, Ashley McClain, Griffin Dean, April Ruby, Joey Latusek, Taylor Harper, classroom teacher Mrs. Nancy Nunn, Lyle Gasser, Megan Green, Jourdan Stephenson, Kevin Harris, and classroom aid Mrs. Linda Stephan. Seated (l to r): Tabatha Watkins, Jacob Moore, Steven Barkhurst, Riley Zigila, Joshua Golnick, Alex Baudoux, Shane Krayses, and Logan Woodley.

GMS Forensic Team earns many awards at West Grand Rapids Invitational

The Grayling Middle School Forensic Team traveled to the town of Jenison recently to compete in the West Grand Rapids Forensic Invitational. Several GMS team members won awards at the event, including:

Storytelling Duo's: Emily Harvey, Haley Boardman, 4th place; Richard Ryan, Chris Squire, 5th place; Lindsey Johns, 6th place

Multiple: Rachael Brunell, Laura Gorski, Jessie Mooneyham, Amber

Pindell, Randi Richardson, Maranda Shear, Andrew Vos, 3rd place; Travis Brush, Jon Nash, Zak Wegner, 5th place

Poetry: Mavrick Ginther, 3rd place

Oratory/ Informative: Zak Timmons, 1st place; Samantha Collins, 2nd place; Becky Ramaswamy, 3rd; Jennifer Long, 4th place; Jeremiah Handrich, 5th place

Sales: Jennifer Emmons, 3rd

place: Kyle Trudgeon, 4th place; Jason Fekete, 5th place; Calvin Trudgeon, 6th place

(Trophies were given for 1st-3rd places, and ribbons were awarded for 4th-6th)

Other team members competing were: Jillian DeVille and Brent Gabriel in Storytelling, and Alex McNamara in Sales.

"I was very proud of the team's performance," said Coach Bob Gorski.

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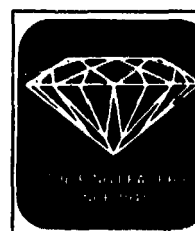
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Three moon events cause confusion on-line

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Some people may have recently received an e-mail message that says, according to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, the full Moon occurring on December 22 would be the brightest in 133 years. According to *Sky & Telescope* magazine, this is not so. However, the Moon went through three lunar events quicker than usual early that morning.

The three events began with the winter solstice at 3 a.m., marking the shortest day of the year. Next was the lunar perigee at 6 a.m., when the Moon made its closest approach to the earth during its monthly orbit at 356,654 kilometers, referred to as "record closeness" by some astronomers. Last, the full Moon occurred at 1 p.m.

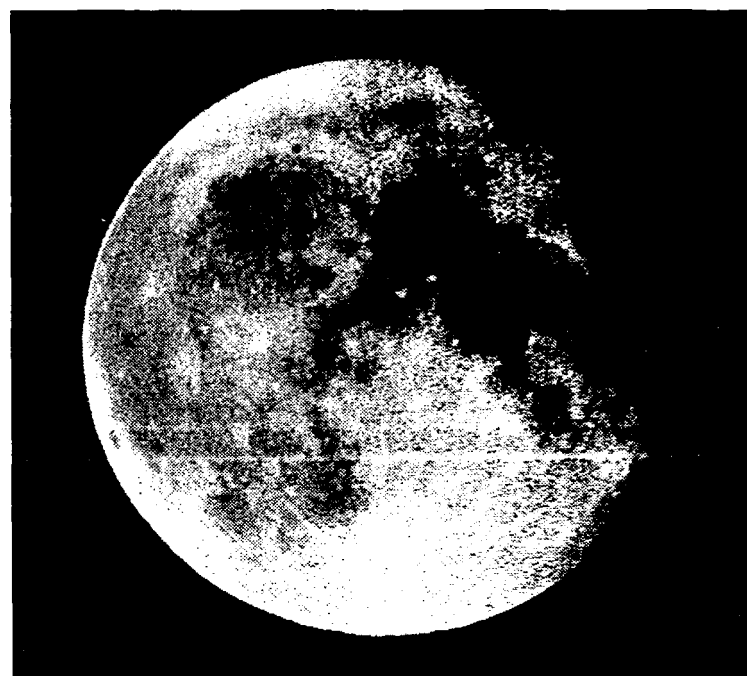
It is rare that all three lunar events happen on the same date in the Eastern Standard Time Zone. Only two other times in modern history have these events occurred within a 24-hour period: within 23 hours on December 21-22, 1991 and within 20 hours on December 21, 1866. Nothing matches the 10-hour interval of December 22, 1999, in the last

century and a half.

The well-circulated e-mail stated the Moon would appear about 14% bigger and brighter than when it is at its apogee, or farthest away from the Earth in its elliptical orbit. The e-mail also stated that the moon would be super bright and if the weather was clear and there was snow cover, "it is believed that even car headlights will be superfluous."

According to Roger Sinnott, associate editor for *Sky & Telescope*, the Moon would not appear dramatically brighter than normal and most people wouldn't even notice anything different in the early morning sky. The Moon appeared approximately 25% brighter during a similar event January 4, 1912, when it was about 270 kilometers closer to the Earth.

Here in northern Michigan, where snow cover was certain because of recent snow fall, one condition was met. But lake effect snow was expected, which can play havoc on weather forecasts. The upper atmosphere may be clear, but northwesterly winds flowing over the lakes may obliterate any chance of viewing the Moon at ground level.



Perigee Moon

One thing that is certain during this type of lunar happening is: ocean tides are exceptionally high and low.

By the time our readers get a chance to pick up this edition of the

Avalanche, this lunar phenomenon will have already occurred. Hopefully, some will have had a chance to view a rather rare event... something that won't happen again until the year 2052.

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Make local history a last minute gift this Christmas

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Third Edition of *The First Hundred Years - An Introduction to the History of the Grayling Area* is now available and could be the answer to a last minute Christmas gift dilemma.

The Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA), in cooperation with the Grayling Rotary Club, has published the third printing in response to numerous requests made to the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce after second edition copies ran out.

The book serves as a primer in local history for students of all ages. Newcomers to the area can get in touch with the history of their new home by perusing the 156 pages of text and photographs that capture the heritage of lumbering, the longtime love affair with the AuSable River and woodland areas, as well as founding families and pioneer days in Crawford County. Old-timers and local natives can reminisce or learn about days gone by.

A glance through the pages tells

the early history of Grayling. It also tells of the early days of Crawford County and how it was officially organized on May 22, 1879. Photos of earlier Winter Carnival Weekends and Camp Grayling are included. Most of Grayling's first families are discussed, as well as early businesses — some that lasted a long time and some that didn't.

The 1999 edition contains 32 new pages from the last edition, published in 1992. The original printing took place in 1972 by the Grayling Area Centennial Committee to celebrate 100 years of local history.

Also included in the Third Edition is a re-dedication of the book, honoring Grayling's newly elected and first female mayor, Marilyn J. Palmer. The new mayor was sworn in on November 8, 1999. The First

Edition was dedicated "To Those Men and Women Who Could Make Dreams Come True: Our Forefathers."

The printing of the new edition has been fully underwritten by advertisers and gifts from Betty Bennett and Margaret Chappell. Proceeds from the sale of *The First Hundred Years* goes directly to projects promoting Grayling as a place to settle and as a tourist destination.

To purchase a copy of *The Third Edition - The First Hundred Years*, visit the Crawford County Avalanche, The Ice House Quilt Shop, Gannon Broadcasting, J. Dap Co., Framing by Paula, the Grayling Township Hall, Flowers by Josie, Ray's Canoe Livery or the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Cover price is \$15.

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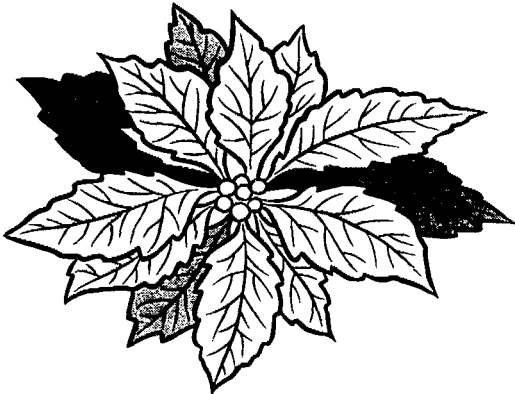


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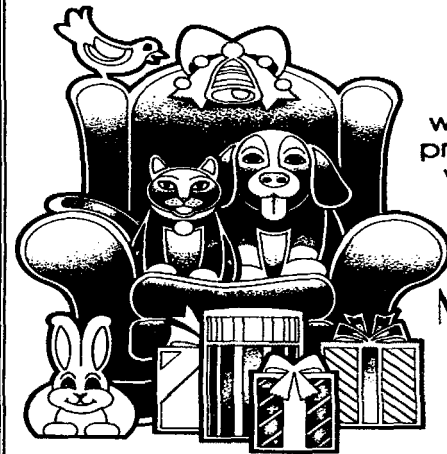
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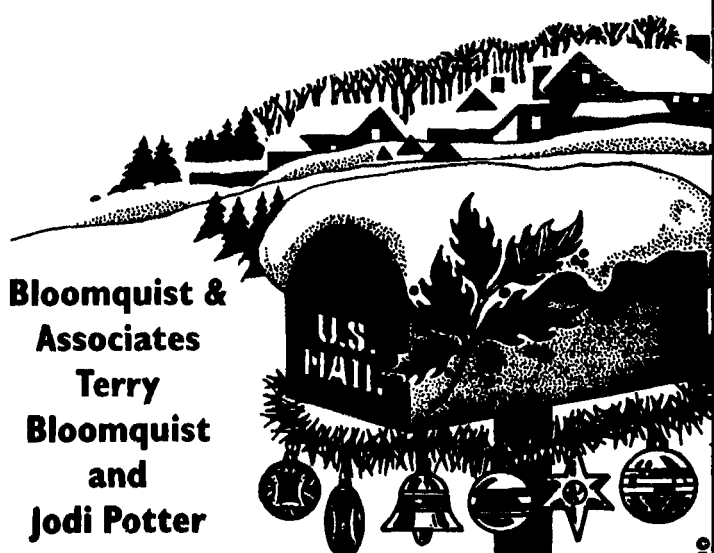
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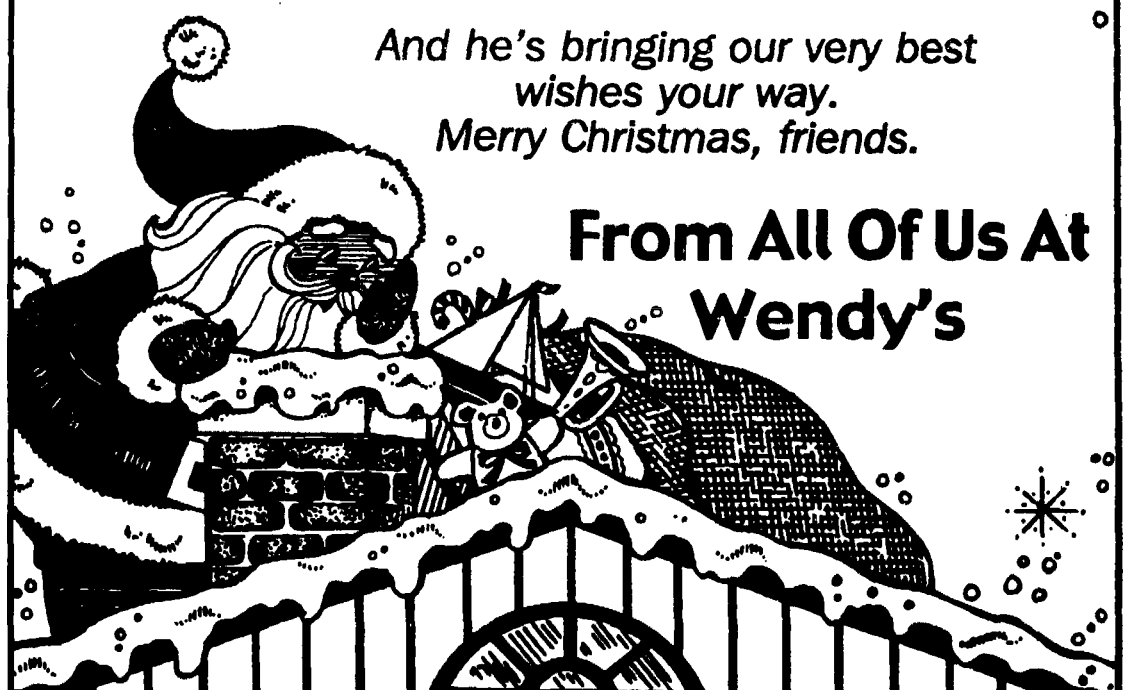


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Students do their part for February benefit

The Frederic Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has embarked on a new adventure and got the kids to go along. The students have created pottery soup bowls to be sold at their first Empty Bowl Soup Supper, February 11, during Winter Fun Days at Hanson Hills.

Empty Bowl benefits have been held all over the world to help build up community food banks. Artists and potters make the bowls, donate them, and organizations hold soup events where they sell the bowls filled with soup. Patrons get to keep the bowl.

Each young artist at Frederic Elementary has donated a work of art to the benefit of the Crawford County Christian Help Center and an emergency fund to help out Frederic Elementary School families whenever an emergency or crisis arises.



(TOP) - Grayling High School seniors Mika Sumner, Theresa Legg and Heather Hatfield help Frederic students Andrew Wilson and Mike Rollins design their bowls. (MIDDLE LEFT) - Melissa Pindell (standing) helps Alex Rank get his bowl's rim just right as Teddy Gomez (far left) concentrates on curvature. (Identification of the middle child in photo was uncertain at press time.) (MIDDLE RIGHT) - the bowls of Dayne Kohn and Eric Madill start to take shape. (BOTTOM) - Gary Spicer, Jonathon Webb, Jacob Niederhouse and Carrie Greene begin working their clay while listening to instructions on how to make the perfect pottery bowl.

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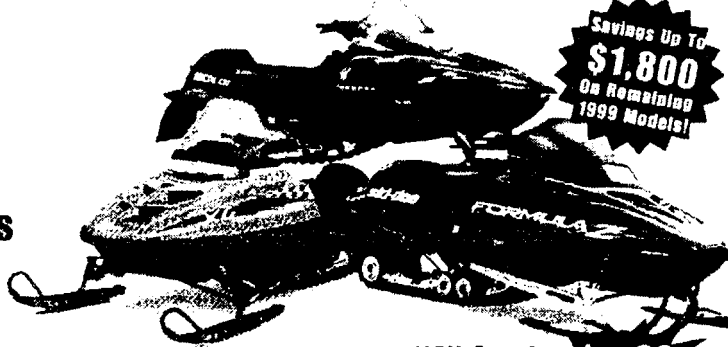
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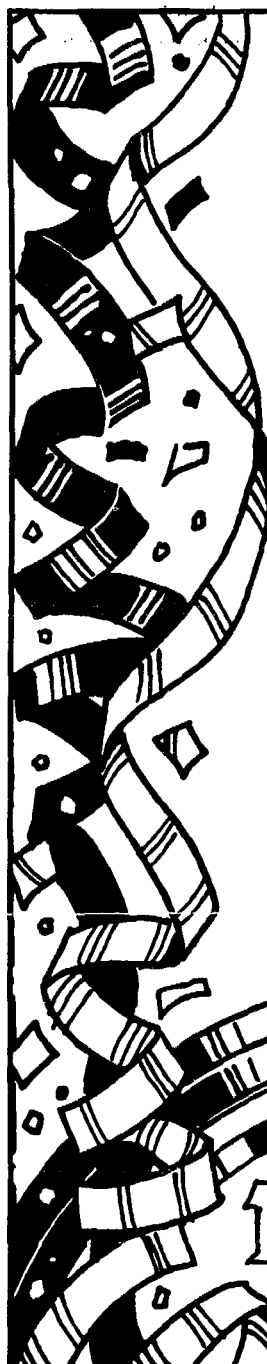
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OBITUARIES

Harriet Marie Bollman

Harriet Marie Bollman, 74, of Lovells, died Saturday, December 18, 1999, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mrs. Bollman was born June 20, 1925, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of the late Julius and Mary (Pierzanowski) Szumowski. She married Harold (Bud) Bollman on April 15, 1950 in Posen, Illinois. She and her husband moved to the area in 1955 and have owned and operated Bud's Cabins in Lovells since 1958. Mrs. Bollman was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Lewiston.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; one daughter, Deb (John) Stosio of Fife Lake; one son, Ken (Jodie) Bollman of LeRoy; two grandchildren, Chad and Eddie; one brother, Stan (Vickie) Sumowski of Posen, Illinois.

The funeral service was held December 21 at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Father Gregory Kurutz officiating.

Burial will be in Lovells Cemetery in the spring.

Howard Robinson

Howard Robinson, 74, of Fenwick, formerly of Chapin, died Friday, December 17, 1999 at his son's home in Roscommon.

Mr. Robinson was born March 21, 1925, in Elsie, the son of the Frank and Arvilla (Miller) Robinson.

On March 25, 1943 he married Doris M. Patterson. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army and was a life member of V.F.W. Post #5065, Sheridan. He retired from General Motors Corporation in Flint in 1976. His first wife died January 15, 1992. On May 1, 1993, he married Virginia Mae Andrew, who died May 10, 1996. In May, 1997, he married Sally Wiser in Sheridan. He lived in the Chapin area for most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Elizabeth; and three brothers, George, Frank and Milo.

Survivors include his wife, Sally of Fenwick; two daughters, Karen (Frank) Abnet of Oakley, Connie Robinson of Chesaning; three sons, Donald (Sherry) Robinson of Grand Blanc, Jerry (Terry) Robinson of Grayling, and Gale (Karla) Robinson of Roscommon; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four sisters, Nettie, Edith, Helen, and Arvilla.

The funeral service was held Monday, December 20 at the Smith Funeral Homes, Elsie Chapel with Reverend Merlin Pratt officiating. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, Elsie.

The family requests that memorial be directed to the VFW National Children's Home, Eaton Rapids.

Elsie M. Larson

Elsie M. Larson, 90, of Grayling, died Monday, December 20, 1999, at her home.

Mrs. Larson was a life-long resident of the Grayling area. She married Ernest Larson, June 1, 1933 in Frederic.

Mrs. Larson was a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital for over 40 years; she worked as a Red Cross and RSVP Volunteer for 30 years.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Mary Martha Circle at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church where she was a member.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernie Larson; her parents; one sister, Clara Goulding and one brother, Chester Burke.

Survivors include two sons, Ron (Barbara) Larson of Grayling, Gerald (Jane) Larson of Grayling; one daughter, Judy (Vern) Essenberg of Grandville; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Reva Fox of Gaylord, and Oral Volmer of Dearborn Heights.

The funeral service will be held Friday, December 24 at 11 a.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church with Reverend Jeffrey Jagers, Reverend Joseph Carpenter and Reverend William Fraser officiating.

Viewing will be at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 23 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. until the funeral. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial donations be directed to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Plagens-Larson Memorial Fund.

The family was served by the Orr Funeral Home, Mio.

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Ann Marie Phillips
December 24, 1998

Perhaps the best testimony we can give to our missing loved ones is how we live our lives. Don't deny yourself life because someone has died. If you can do so, enjoy the holidays and every day; for death teaches us, more than anything, that every day of life is precious and worth living to the fullest. The best gift we can give ourselves and others for the holidays and every day is to live our lives wholeheartedly.

Imogene Leffel

Imogene Leffel, 70, died Friday, December 17, 1999 at Munson Medical Center.

Mrs. Leffel was born February 21, 1929, in Clearfork, West Virginia, the daughter of the late Aaron and Spicie Toler. She married Roy Leffel June 18, 1946, in Vinton, Virginia. Mrs. Leffel worked for M.A. Harrison Manufacturing for 15 years as a machinist. She loved to cook, crochet and spend time with her family.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and great-granddaughter Jessica.

Survivors include two daughters, Neva (Dick) Guyot of Frederic and Evie (Ronald) Willinger of Huron, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bobby (Amanda) Toler of Linco, West Virginia and Peter Lee (Gladys) Toler of Berlin Heights, Ohio.

The funeral service will be held at Oakey's Funeral Home, in Roanoke, Virginia.

Burial will be in Myers Family Cemetery, Moneta, Virginia.

Local arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Walter Eugene Smith

Walter Eugene Smith, 79, of Grayling, died Saturday, December 18, 1999, at home.

Mr. Smith was born April 29, 1920, in Dayton, Ohio, the son of Skardon Thomas and Plooma Viola (Urich) Smith. He married Glenna Maxine Matthews on September 10, 1945, in Detroit. He served in World War II with the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Wisconsin.

Mr. Smith retired from McDonnell Douglas in 1976, and moved here from California.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna, of Grayling; three daughters, Kaylynn (Howard) Benefiel of Lupton; ~~Karol Bryant~~ of Grayling, and Kathryn Smith of Kalkaska; one step-brother, Joseph (Mary) Warnick; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 22, at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Pastor Howard Benefiel officiating.

Burial will be in Lane Heights Cemetery, Lupton.

Margaret Hellebuyck

Margaret Eleanor Hellebuyck, 87, of Lewiston, died Monday, December 13, 1999 at home.

Mrs. Hellebuyck was born September 24, 1912, in Centerline, the daughter of the late Peter and Margaret Gill. On October 28, 1930, she married Frank Hellebuyck in St. Clements Catholic Church in Centerline. Before moving to Lewiston, she lived in New Baltimore. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank on December 30, 1965; one granddaughter, Nicole; two sisters Evelyn and Verna; and three brothers, George, Irvin and Roy.

Survivors include her children: Shirley (Arnold) Hofer of Lewiston, William (Jean) of Shelby, Donna (Ronald) Schroeder of Boyne City, Carole (Dan) Alessandri of Mount Clemens, Frank (Sue) of Lenox, Ralph of Chesterfield, James (Jeanne) of Boyne City, Margaret (Ron) Schimmel of Washington, Kenneth of Roscommon, Ronald (Sandy) of Grayling, Gordon (Tina) of Grayling; 46 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; brother Harvey Gill of Imlay City.

The funeral service was held Friday, December 17 in St. Hubert Catholic Church, Harrison Township, with Father James O'Leary officiating. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, New Baltimore.

The family was served by the Christie-Olszewski Funeral Home, New Baltimore.

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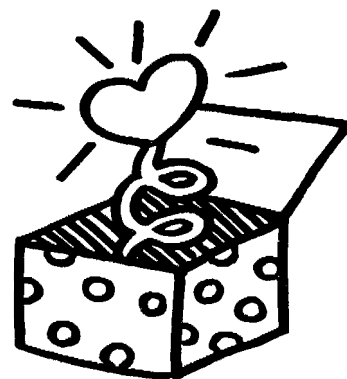
The Family of Ray Lange

Early Deadlines for the Holidays!

The Crawford County Avalanche office will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24th and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 27th. Deadlines for display ads for the December 30th issue will be Thursday, December 23rd at noon. Our office will also be closed on Friday New Year's Eve, December 31st. Display ads for the January 6th issue will be Thursday, December 30th.

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Here are the 2000 Grayling Junior Miss contestants



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YEAR 2000 JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANTS - Beginning in November, the Grayling Junior Miss 2000 contestants started preparing for competition. Contestants are: Back row, 1 to r - Heidi Niederer, Erika Wolcott, Mandi Ellis, Kira Maples, Joyce Thomas, Jessika Abfalter and Contest Director Sandra Moore. Front row, 1 to r - Monique Fagan, Laura Gassman, Michelle Stepp, Tabitha Harney, Danielle Niederer, and Jayme Potter.

If you think you were busy getting ready for Christmas, just think of the schedule followed by the 12 participants in the Grayling Junior Miss 2000 Scholarship Program.

It all began in November with orientation and photo sessions. Then, the fitness preparation began which includes that oh so important opening number for the program in late January.

To help raise money for the program, these young ladies held a bake sale during the Christmas Walk on November 20. They also treated the crowds to Christmas carols. By all accounts it was a very successful sale, but most importantly it gave the public a chance to meet the contestants. It also gave the contestants a chance to become more acquainted with each other, parents and some of the American Business Women Association (ABWA) members who

work closely with the Junior Miss program.

During the first week in December, the ladies assisted members of the Grayling Promotional Association by helping with Breakfast with Santa at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. This marks the third year Junior Miss contestants have helped at the breakfast.

Scholarship is an important factor for Junior Miss contestants and, along with their regular school work, exam preparation, and other extra-curricular activities, the girls were working diligently on essays due December 7. The essay of up to 400 words had to include an outline of personal and educational goals, the contestants' plans to achieve the goals and an explanation of how personal values helped shape these goals. The essays are judged by a

qualified and impartial person.

As Christmas approaches, the intensity of the contestants' schedule increases. Rehearsals are held once a week. Make-up sessions are scheduled that also include coaching on poise and appearance, as well as clothing coordination and selection. The ladies also continue to work on individual talent, costuming and presentation.

Fortunately, it isn't all work and no play. There are special days scheduled times, such as a Fun Day and Swim Party, and Friendship Luncheon that gives the contestants the opportunity to exhibit and practice their social skills. They also get another chance to meet more ABWA members.

The Junior Miss program encourages young ladies to enter this competition for several reasons other than scholarship possibilities. The

Junior Miss Committee's goal is to provide a program that helps young women gain self-confidence, along with growing and maturing in their ability to work with and get along with others.

The Grayling Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be held the evening of Saturday, January 29 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium in Grayling High School. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale at Riverland Gear beginning January 12.

This year's contestants are: Jessika Abfalter, Mandi Ellis, Monique Fagan, Laura Gassman, Tabitha Harney, Kira Maples, Danielle Niederer, Heidi Niederer, Jayme Potter, Michelle Stepp, Joyce Thomas, Erika Wolcott.

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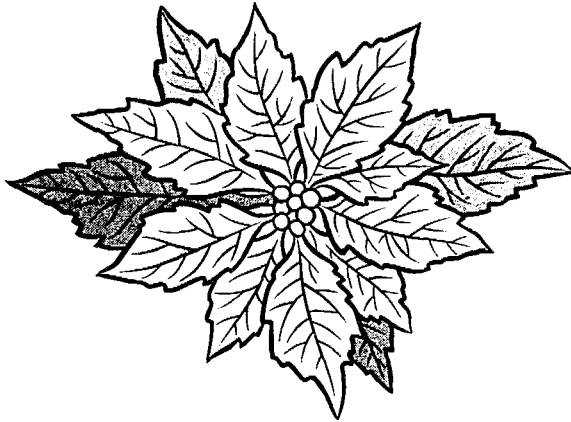
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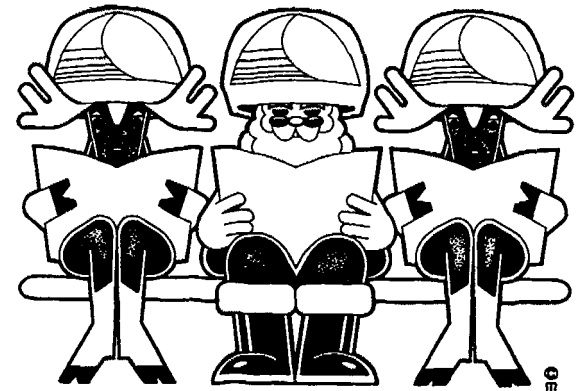
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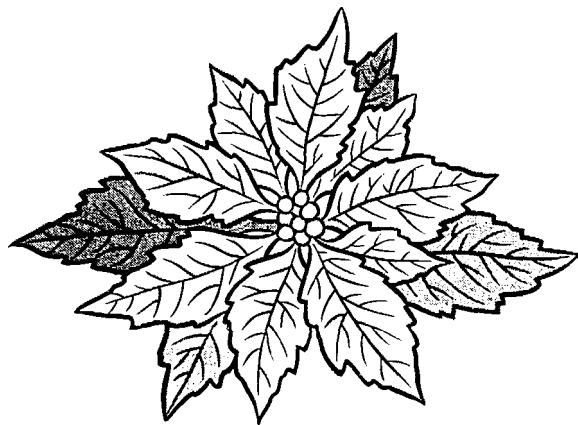
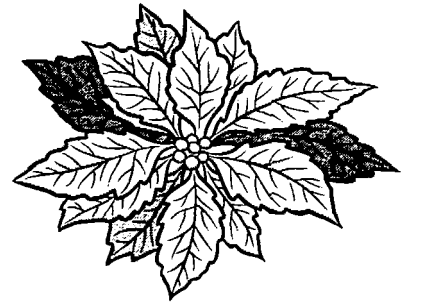
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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A reminder of the policy of the Senior Center - if the Crawford Audubon Schools are closed, then the Senior Center is closed. Check the local radio and TV stations. If, for any reason, seniors find themselves stranded without food and unable to get out, call the Sheriff (348-6341) or Grayling City Police (348-4621), and meals will be delivered.

Things that are happening at the center:

December 27 - "Out to Lunch" travels to Gaylord for after Christmas sales and lunch, 11:30 a.m.

January 3 - Hangman, 5:30 p.m.
January 4 - "Ellie Mae's" Country dance, 5:30 p.m.

January 5 - Hearing Clinic, by appointment: Wendy's Bingo, 5:30 p.m.

January 6 - Lucky 7 Casino trip, 9:30 a.m. - please call.

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HOMETOWN NEWS

Dan Krauss recently completed a four-year football career at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. The 6'2" 265-pound nose tackle, who is majoring in Business, was an All-North Coast Athletic League team selection in 1997, and a first team choice in 1998 and 1999.

Krauss is the oldest son of Dan Feldhauser of Grayling and Sarah Krauss of Grosse Ile, and the grandson of Don and Jeanne Feldhauser of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Krauss, Sr. of Grosse Ile.



Dan Krauss

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Grayling City Police Department from December 13 through December 18:

Two false alarms; one felony arrest; two misdemeanor arrests; six assists to other departments; five check law violations; 30 city ordinance violations; two civil complaints; three juvenile complaints; seven larcenies; two suspicious situations; two private property accidents; four traffic accidents; one misdemeanor citation; one traffic control complaint; 12 miscellaneous complaints.

A total of 80 complaints were handled by the Grayling City Police Department during the one-week period.

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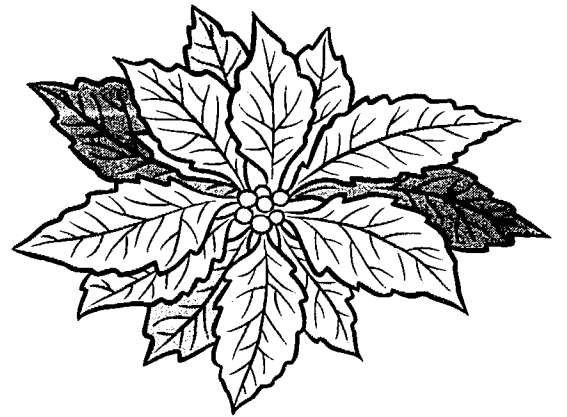


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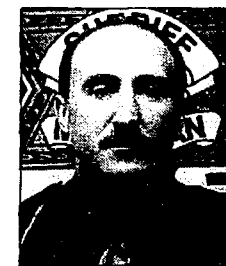
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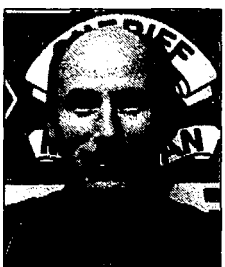
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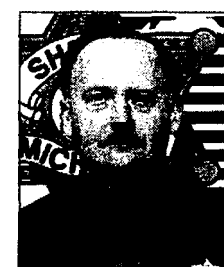
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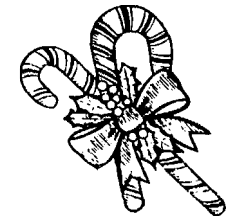
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Season's Greetings



Pictured L to R: Paul Thomson, Nancy McClanahan, Linda Northrop, Ron Thomson, Annette Metzer, Doronda Klee, Jill Rutter, George Stancil

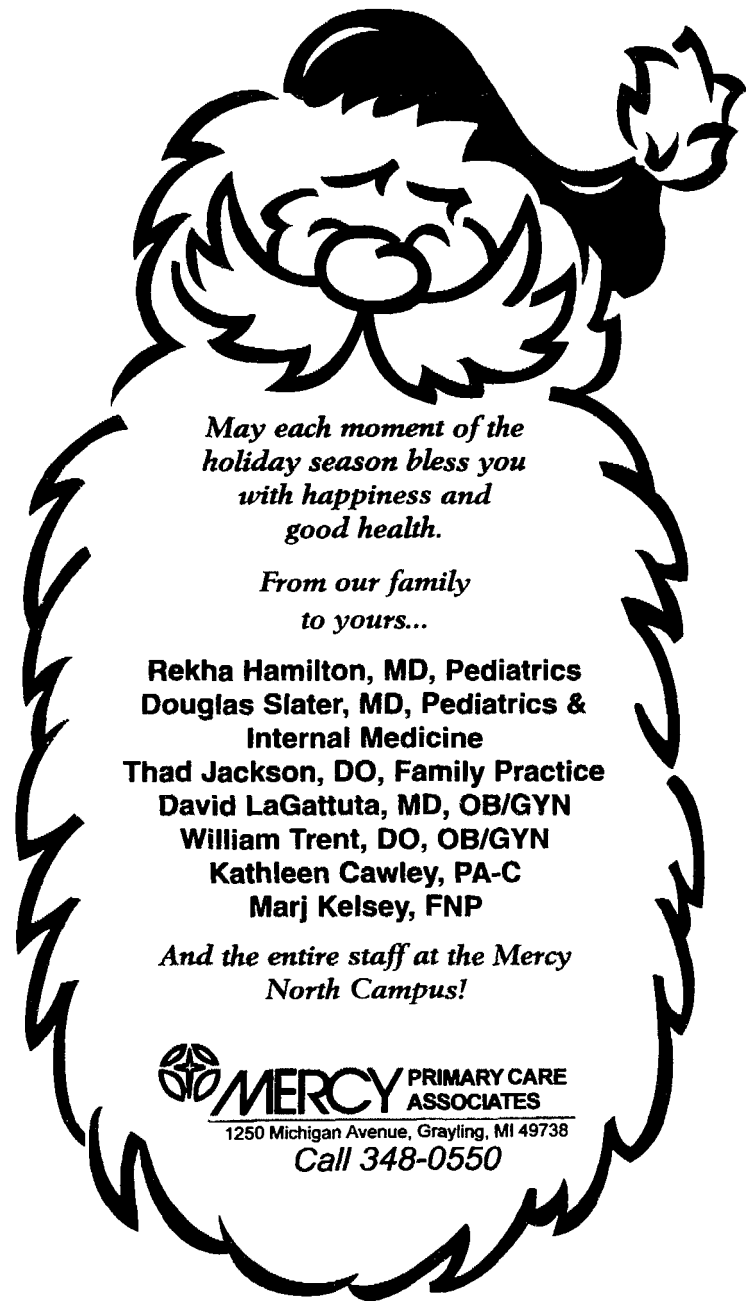
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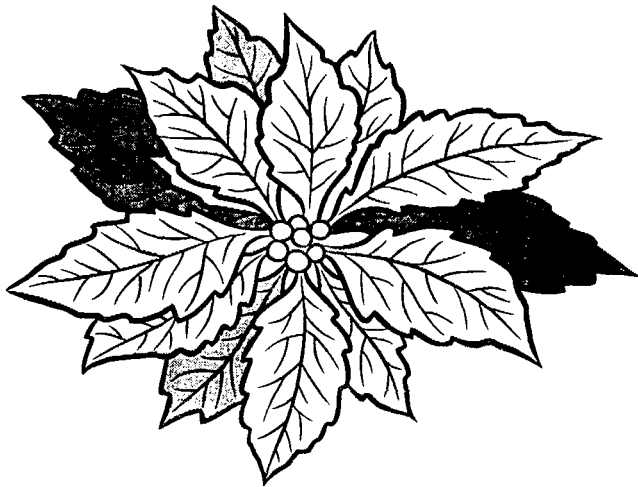


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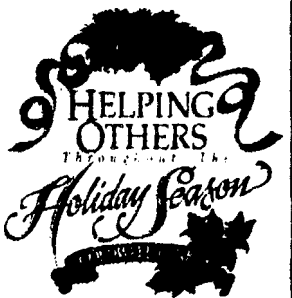
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Grayling girls take 1st at tourney

► **Viking volleyball team goes 14-0 at Lake City; wins conference opener**

The GHS varsity volleyball team continues to play well, scoring an impressive tournament win at the Lake City/McBain Christmas Tree Classic. The Vikings went undefeated at the tourney, winning all 14 of their games and losing none.

The Vikes dominated pool play, beating McBain 15-6, 15-3;

Kalkaska 16-14, 16-14; Clare 15-5, 15-8; and Brethren 15-9, 15-9.

The GHS team was seeded number one leaving pool play, and responded by defeating Houghton Lake 15-8, 15-5, earning a chance to play Lake City in the semi-finals.

In both games against Lake City, the Vikings led 14-7 and held on to win 15-13. In the championship game, the Vikes played Birch Run.

Birch Run jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but Grayling took over from there and didn't trail again, winning 15-7, 15-6. Jenny Phillips

helped the GHS effort by serving nine aces in the championship match.

Mel Paxton and Kristy Hulbert were both named to the all-tournament team. Hulbert had a great day, setting for the Vikes to help make the hitters successful. Paxton finished the tourney with 52 kills. Phillips had 15 aces and 48 kills on the day.

The team's match record is now 12-0-1.

Last week the Vikings began conference play with a win at Gladwin. Grayling beat the Flying G's 2-0 with scores of 15-8 and

15-9.

The Vikes had a great day passing the ball.

"We only had one pass that our setter could not handle," said Coach Brian Banda.

Grayling was led by Mika Sumner and Phillips, each of whom produced key attacks. Arica Wolcott had five aces for the Vikings.

After the holiday break, the Vikings will play their first home match of the season, as GHS hosts Pinconning on Wednesday, January 5. Volleyball action starts at 6:15 p.m.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM -- This year's varsity squad consists of: (front row, left to right) Melanie Paxton, Jenny Phillips, Kristy Hulbert, Lori Hinkle. (back row, left to right) Coach Brian Banda, Arica Wolcott, Sarah Targino, Mika Sumner, Michelle Salyers, Kristi Wargo. Not pictured: Brandy Ritter.

Photo by Linda Golnick

GHS beats BCJG in triple OT Vikings score 94 in shoot-out at Gladwin

► **Hinkle takes top spot on GHS career scoring list in game vs. G's**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity basketball team won both of its games last week, defeating North East Michigan Conference squads from Bay City John Glenn and Gladwin to move to 3-0 in league play.

In a closely-contested triple overtime match last Tuesday, Grayling won its second straight conference game of the season, defeating the visiting Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn 85-83.

Dave Hawkins hit the game-winning shot, a long jumper with one second left in the third overtime period.

"Our kids showed a lot of character and poise during this game, especially down the stretch," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We had a number of kids who contributed to this win. Hopefully, we will build on this win."

The top rebounder for GHS was Nate Hinkle with nine. Tobin led in the assists category with 11, and Joe Fritz led the team in deflections with 11.

In a shoot-out against the Gladwin Flying G's last Friday, the Vikings won their third conference match in a row (and fourth overall), beating the G's 94-82.

With 29 points in the match, Hinkle became the new GHS career scoring leader with 1,345 career points, surpassing Jim Tobin's 1,337.

Hawkins led the GHS scoring against Gladwin with 37 points.



NATE HINKLE

GHS career scoring leader

Tobin added 13 points, and Gorski scored 12.

Tobin led in the assists column with 15. Hawkins was the top GHS rebounder with seven, and Hinkle led the team in steals with three.

"Our kids played well offensively in a big league game," said Coach Moffit. "At various points in the game, we showed toughness, poise and discipline. Also, we had great senior leadership on the floor."

The Vikings are now 4-0 on the season.

Grayling's next game will be played at Standish Sterling on January 4. On Friday, January 7, the Vikes will return to the home floor with a match against the Tawas Braves.

JV team loses two close ones

► **Vikes fall by one to Bay City, two to Gladwin in week two action**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

By a total of three points, the JV basketball lost two tight matches last week, falling to Bay City by one (56-55) and Gladwin by two (59-57).

Against Bay City John Glenn on Tuesday, the Vikings fought back to overcome a deficit late in the game, but came up just a bucket short in the end.

"We didn't play with much intensity in the first half," said Coach Butch Hayes, "but in the second half we fell behind and the kids showed great effort and desire. We made a great comeback but fell short."

Ryan Stahl led the GHS scoring with 16 points. R.J. Schmidt put in 14 points.

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'99-00 GRA Pom Pon Squad



The 1999-00 GRA Pom Pon Squad is ready for another season. This year's squad, which will perform at five varsity basketball games this season, consists of: (front, left to right) Terah Armstrong, Megan Walker, four-year members Christi Duncleley and Colby Davis, Danielle McClanahan, Tanya Helsel; (middle, left to right) exchange student Sarah Targino, Emily Wakeley, Nicole Larm, Melanie Paxton, Tracy Parkinson; (back, left to right) Penny Rosin, Kira Maples, Monica Kustra, Jessika Abfalter, Heather LaVecchia, Sonya Saladine. Not pictured: Amanda Fortino. This year's Pom Pon Squad is coached by volunteers Teresa Furst, Penny Shepherd, and Cheryl Millikin.

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Wrestling team takes 1st at Charlevoix

► Several Vikes earn medals in invitational tourney

This past weekend, the GHS wrestling team competed in and ultimately won the championship of the Charlevoix Invitational meet.

Several Vikings earned team points throughout the day, helping GHS take the tourney title with 284 total points.

Medal winners for Grayling were: Marianne Vollmer at 112 lbs., 1st place; Andy Palmer, 119 lbs., 2nd place; Matt Evon, 125 lbs., 1st place; Jesse Gildner, 130 lbs., 2nd place; Larry Baker, 152 lbs., Marc Weaver, 160 lbs., Chris Peters, 171 lbs., 1st place; Victor CdeBaca, 189

lbs., 1st place.

Grayling drew a "bye" in the first round, and squared off against Cheboygan in round two. Scoring points for GHS with pins were: Palmer, Evon, Billy Partello (135 lbs.), Baker, Weaver, Peters, CdeBaca, and Alfred Borchers (215 lbs.). Scoring points with byes were: Scott Bears (103 lbs.), Vollmer, and Gildner. (Byes and pins are each worth six points.)

Grayling's round three results versus Glen Lake were: Bears, bye; Vollmer, bye; Evon, bye; Gildner,

bye; Baker, pin; Peters, pin; CdeBaca, pin.

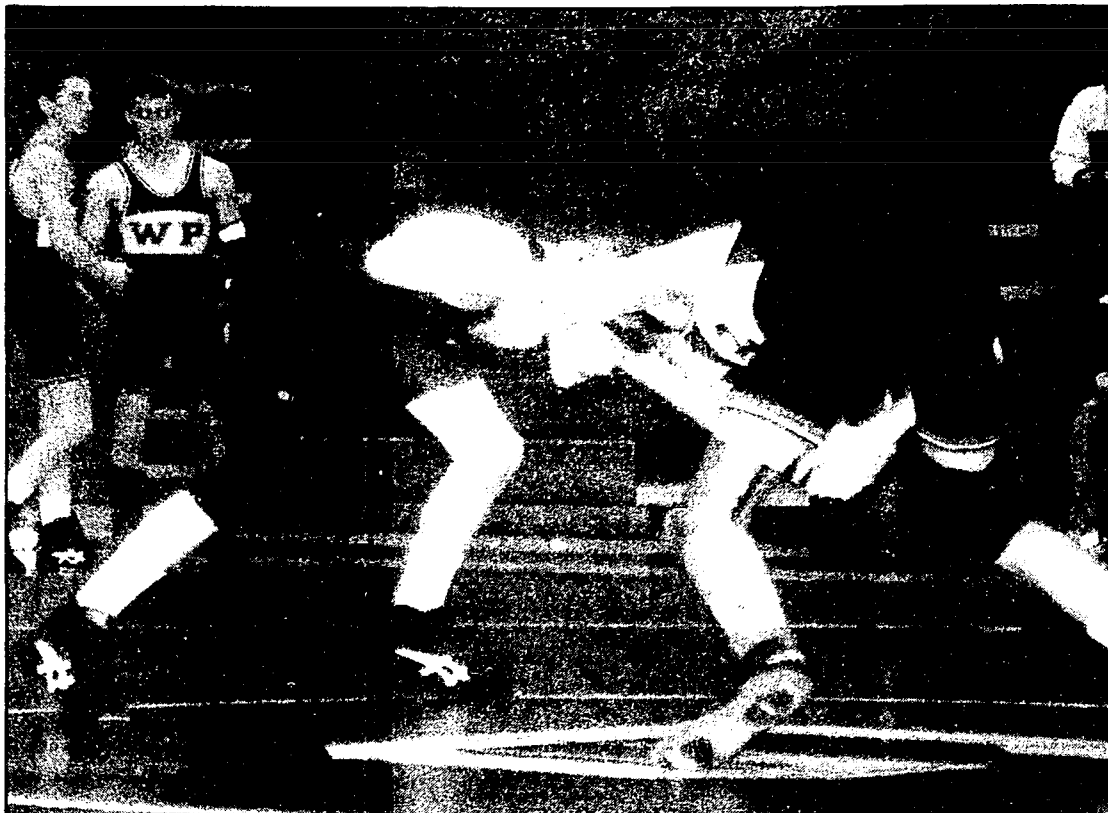
In round four, GHS wrestled Mancelona. Scoring points for Grayling were: Vollmer, pin; Evon, decision; Gildner pin; Partello, pin; Carter Pavey (140 lbs.), pin; Ben Sartin (145 lbs.), bye; Baker, pin; Peters, pin; CdeBaca, decision.

Several Vikings racked up points against the Petoskey squad in round five: Vollmer, pin; Palmer, pin; Evon, pin; Baker, pin; Weaver, pin; Peters, pin; CdeBaca, pin; Borchers, pin.

In the sixth (and final) round, against host Charlevoix. Viking scorers were: Bears, pin; Vollmer, bye; Palmer, pin; Evon, bye; Gildner, bye; Partello, bye; Sartin, bye; Baker, pin; Weaver, pin; Peters, pin; CdeBaca, pin; Borchers, bye.

On January 6 the Viking wrestling team will head to Saginaw Valley Lutheran to take on SVL and Standish.

The Vikes will travel to Roscommon on Thursday, January 13 to match up with Rosco and Houghton Lake.



Grayling's Andy Palmer goes head to head with an opponent.



GHS wrestler Chris Peters gets ready to make a move.



Ben Sartin gets wrapped up with an opposing team's wrestler.

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JV team loses two close ones

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In another close game, the Vikes lost to Gladwin on Friday 59-57.

"We started off slow," said Coach Hayes. "We went the first three min-

utes without scoring. In the second half our play was better, but we still have a way to go."

Wes Fox led the scoring against Gladwin with 16 points. Schmidt

added 15, and Nick D'Amour scored nine.

The team is now 2-2 overall.

On Tuesday, January 4, the Vikings will play at Standish

Sterling. The team will return to Grayling for a home match against Tawas on January 7, at 6:15 p.m. On January 14, the Vikes will play at Pinconning.



JV BASKETBALL TEAM -- This year's JV team is: (left to right) Scott Latusek, Mike Hale, Wes Fox, Brandon Gorr, R.J. Schmidt, Nate Frankina, Dan Mead, Ryan Stahl, Larry Baynham, Ryan Swope, Nick D'Amour, Chet Wheeler. (front) Coach Butch Hayes.

'99-00 JV cheerleading team



JV CHEER TEAM -- This year's JV cheer squad, coached by Gail Belcher, is: Ashley Beemer, Michele Belcher, Brianne Crowl, Tracy Parkinson, Bonnie Mahaney, Nicole Lutz, Alesha Wargo, Shannon Terry, and Patti Martella.

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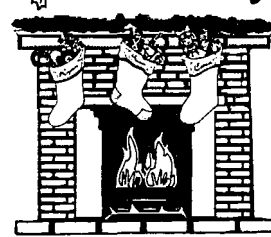
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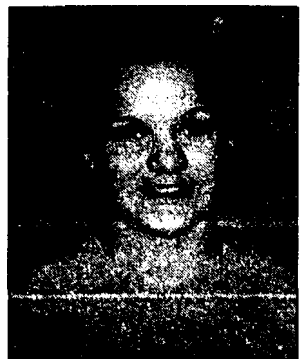
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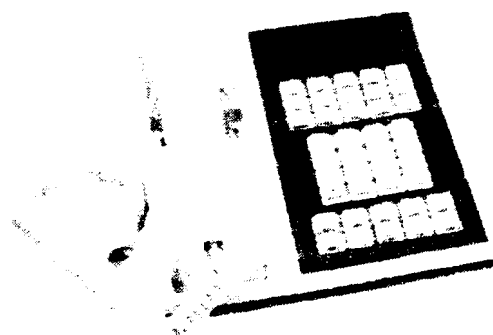


Varsity Volleyball
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KRISTY HULBERT

Kristy was named to the all-tournament team at the Lake City/McBain Christmas Tree Classic. Kristy, the Vikes' leading setter, did an outstanding job making the hitters successful.

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Friday Mixed Doubles Moshier Auto Repair4 - 0 R. Calkins & Sons4 - 0 Sledheads of Frederic3 - 1 Fick & Sons1 - 3 Charlies Country Corner . . .0 - 4 Aunt Betty's0 - 4 High Game Men: R. Calkins, 223; R. Moshier, 199, 190; M. Sumner, 188. High Series Men: R. Moshier, 522; R. Hinds, 501; M. Sumner, 499. High Game Women: J. Hinds, 192; S. Sumner, 189; D. Medina, 181. High Series Women: J. Hinds, 526; D. Medina, 493; K. Moshier, 493.	Northwood Red Barn3 - 1 R & M Masonry3 - 1 Shady Acres Party Store . . .3 - 1 American Legion2 - 2 Rochettes2 - 2 Darrell's Roofing1 - 3 R. Calkins & Sons1 - 3 Pro Tree1 - 3 High Game: J. Hinds, 204; M. Miller, 201; K. Moshier, 200. High Series: J. Hinds, 538; S. Romain, 534; D. Roman, 520.	Recreation Gray Rock Café33 - 19 Glen's Market29.5 - 22.5 Tri★County Meats27 - 25 Scheer Motors26 - 26 Mark 826 - 26 Mickey Perez CPA24 - 28 Cornell21.5 - 30.5 Peterson Saw Service . . .21 - 31 High Game: S. Sumner, 225; L. Hanson, 196; B. Wheeler, 194. High Series: S. Sumner, 551; B. Wheeler, 545; M. Perez, 502.	Sunday Night Mixed McDonalds of Gaylord#1 . . .4 - 0 Sylvesters4 - 0 Custom Interior3 - 1 Waste Management2 - 2 R & M Masonry2 - 2 McDonalds of Gaylord#2 . . .1 - 3 Wakeley's Auto Parts0 - 4 Citgo0 - 4 Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 247; D. Canfield, 235; M. Ashworth, 224. Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 655; D. Canfield, 627; M. Ashworth, 618. Women's High Game: N. Glasslee, 225; D. Ashworth, 199; S. Sumner, 183. Women's High Series: N. Glasslee, 534; D. Ashworth, 519; J. Hinds, 509.
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GRAYLING YOUTH BOWLING

On Saturday, December 4, Grayling Youth Bowlers competed in their Annual Glow Bowl Singles and Doubles at Timbertown Lanes in Lewiston.

Fifty-two youths competed for plaques (1st-3rd places) in the doubles event. In the boys and girls singles event, the following prizes were awarded: 1st place, engraved watch; 2nd place, computer game; and 3rd place, cassette players (Plaques and awards will be distributed at the annual end-of-the-season banquet.)

The bowlers played three games, the first three being for doubles and the second, third and fourth counting in the singles competition.

The following are the results (place, names, score):

GYB Doubles & Singles

1. A. Sturdivant, S. Adair 1396 *
 2. N. McNamara, J. Messerschmidt 1373 *
 3. P. Brown, T. Larm 1370 *
 4. B. Reichelderfer, A. Marculewicz 1351
 5. T. Piehl, B. Calkins 1331
 6. J. Dreasky, L. Bondar 1324
 7. A. Donaldson, J. Hagerman 1308
 8. T. Jackson, C. Wakeley 1305
 9. J. Handy, G. Cousins 1298
 10. M. Thomas, M. Arwood 1292
 11. J. Stewart, K. Smock 1292
 12. J. Messerschmidt, T. LaMotte 1286
 13. D. Latusek, E. Persing 1261
 14. T. Davis, S. Wilkeson 1251
 15. A. Lester, J. Hagerman 1251
 16. C. Davis, J. Handrich 1247
 17. M. Murry, E. Murry 1218

18. C. King, K. Davis 1210 19. B. Yaniello, J. King 1210 20. D. Fedak, A. Fedak 1208 21. J. Todd, D. Adair 1198 22. C. Brown, T. King 1195 23. D. Adair, S. Respecki 1193 24. Z. Sheldon, J. Sheldon 1177 25. M. Cousins, W. Coe 1171 26. A. Adair, A. Yaniello 1170 27. D.J. Canfield, T. LaMotte 1151 28. M. Arwood, C. Brown 1112	GYB Singles 1. T Larm 701 * 2. J. Handy 692 * 3. J. Messerschmidt 690 * 4. D. Latusek 682 5. J. Dreasky 656 6. J. Handrich 656 7. J. Messerschmidt 653 8. B. Calkins 652 9. M. Murry 648 10. P. Brown 644 11. A. Donaldson 642 12. C. Wakeley 632 13. T. Piehl 630 14. M. Arwood 631 15. T. Jackson 628 16. N. McNamara 614 17. K. Roman 614 18. J. Hagerman 610 19. D. Adair 610 20. E. Persing 606 21. Z. Sheldon 603 22. T. King 596 23. J. Todd 588 24. G. Cousins 587 25. J. Arwood 580 26. C. Davis 580 27. M. Thomas 576 28. M. Arwood 572 29. M. Cousins 572	30. W. Coe 568 31. J. Sheldon 563 32. T. LaMotte 552 33. C. Brown 541 34. C. Brown 523 35. D.J. Canfield 486 GYB Singles (Girls) 1. A. Marculewicz 704 * 2. L. Bondar 685 * 3. S. Adair 684 * 4. J. King 674 5. T. Davis 665 6. J. Stewart 664 7. A. Laester 653 8. B. Reichelderfer 635 9. K. Smock 622 10. A. Sturdivant 617 11. C. King 617 12. S. Wilkeson 614 13. J. Hagerman 611 14. A. Fedak 604 15. E. Murry 602 16. K. Davis 599 17. D. Fedak 595 18. S. Respecki 584 19. A. Adair 581 20. B. Yaniello 571 21. A. Yaniello 559 (* denotes award winner)
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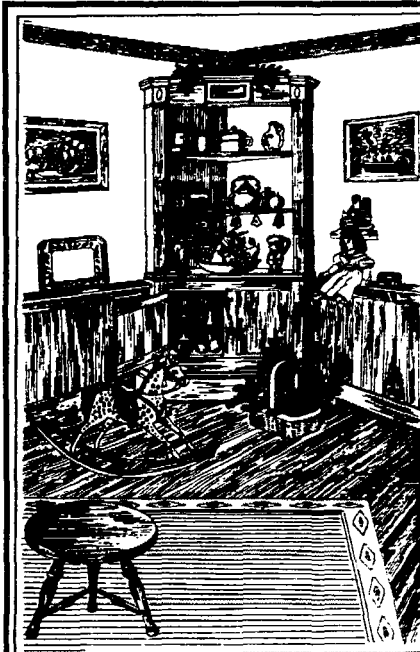
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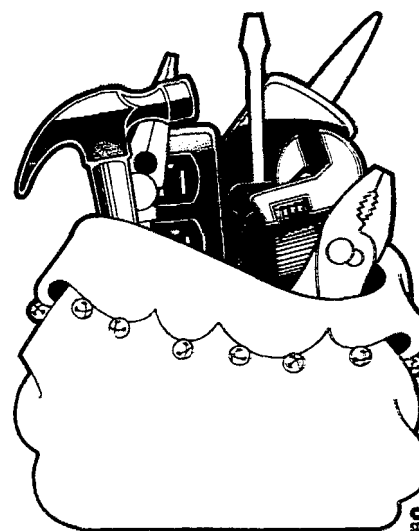
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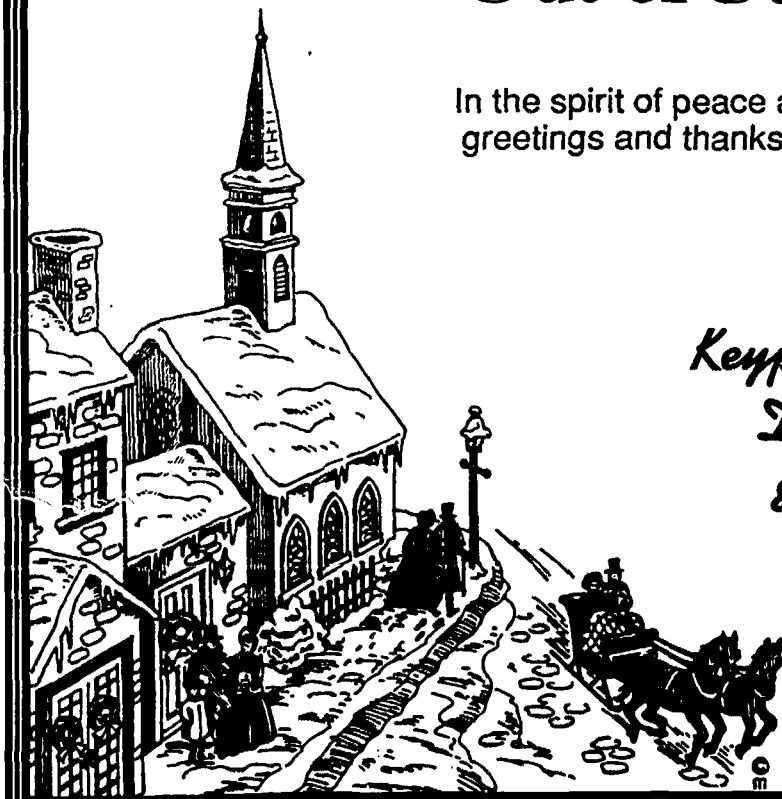
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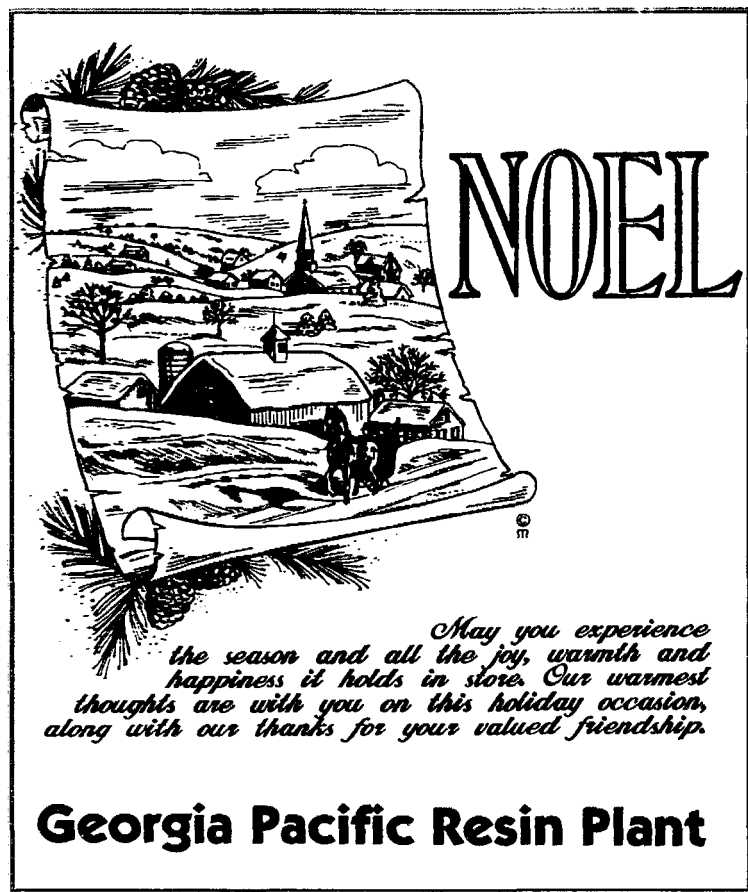
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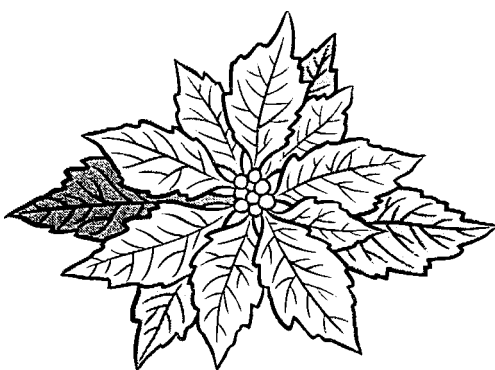


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Tiebreaker 1 game #1 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #20 _____	

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(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

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- \$50--Crawford County Avalanche
- \$10 Gift Cert.--Riverland Gear
- \$5 Gift Cert. good on a 10" or 14" pizza --Buccilli's Pizza
- \$25 Gift Cert.--Comfort Center
- One House Specialty Burrito, a \$6.95 value -- Gray Rock
- Free Single Combo Meal --Wendy's
- 3 FREE Games -- American Legion

Week #15 Winning Games

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Chicago (38) | 11. Oakland |
| 2. Kansas City | 12. NY Jets |
| 3. Carolina | 13. Denver |
| 4. Tennessee | 14. Buffalo |
| 5. Jacksonville | 15. Minnesota (Mon.) |
| 6. Philadelphia | 16. Georgia Southern |
| 7. Baltimore | 17. Pacific Lutheran |
| 8. St. Louis | 18. N.W. Oklahoma St. |
| 9. Miami (21) | 19. Hampton |
| 10. Indianapolis | 20. Utah (33) |

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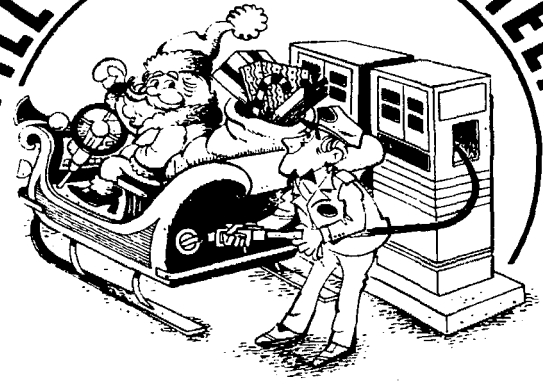
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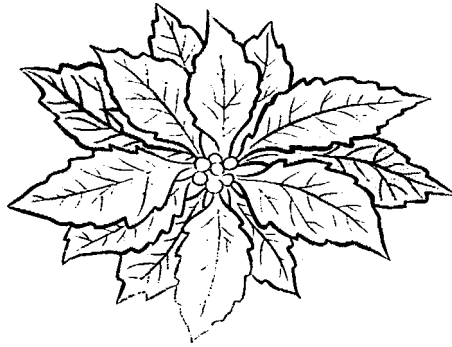
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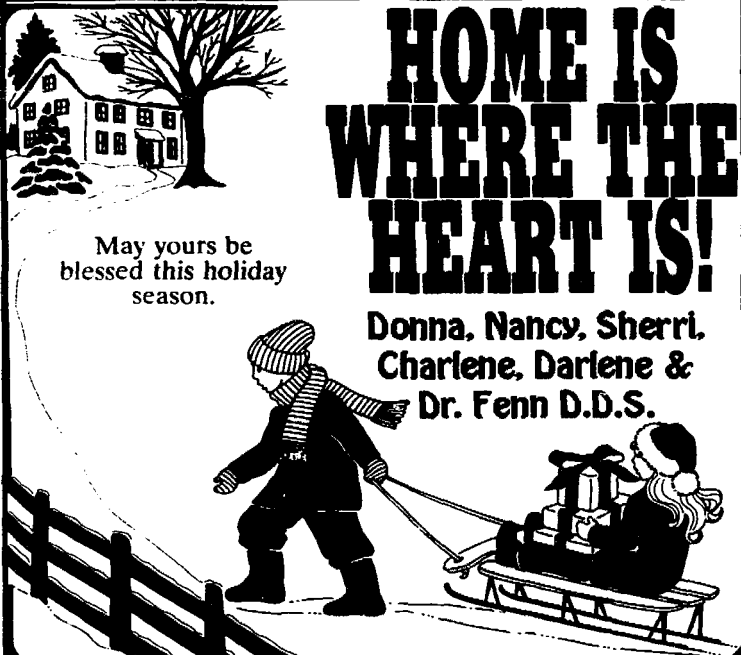
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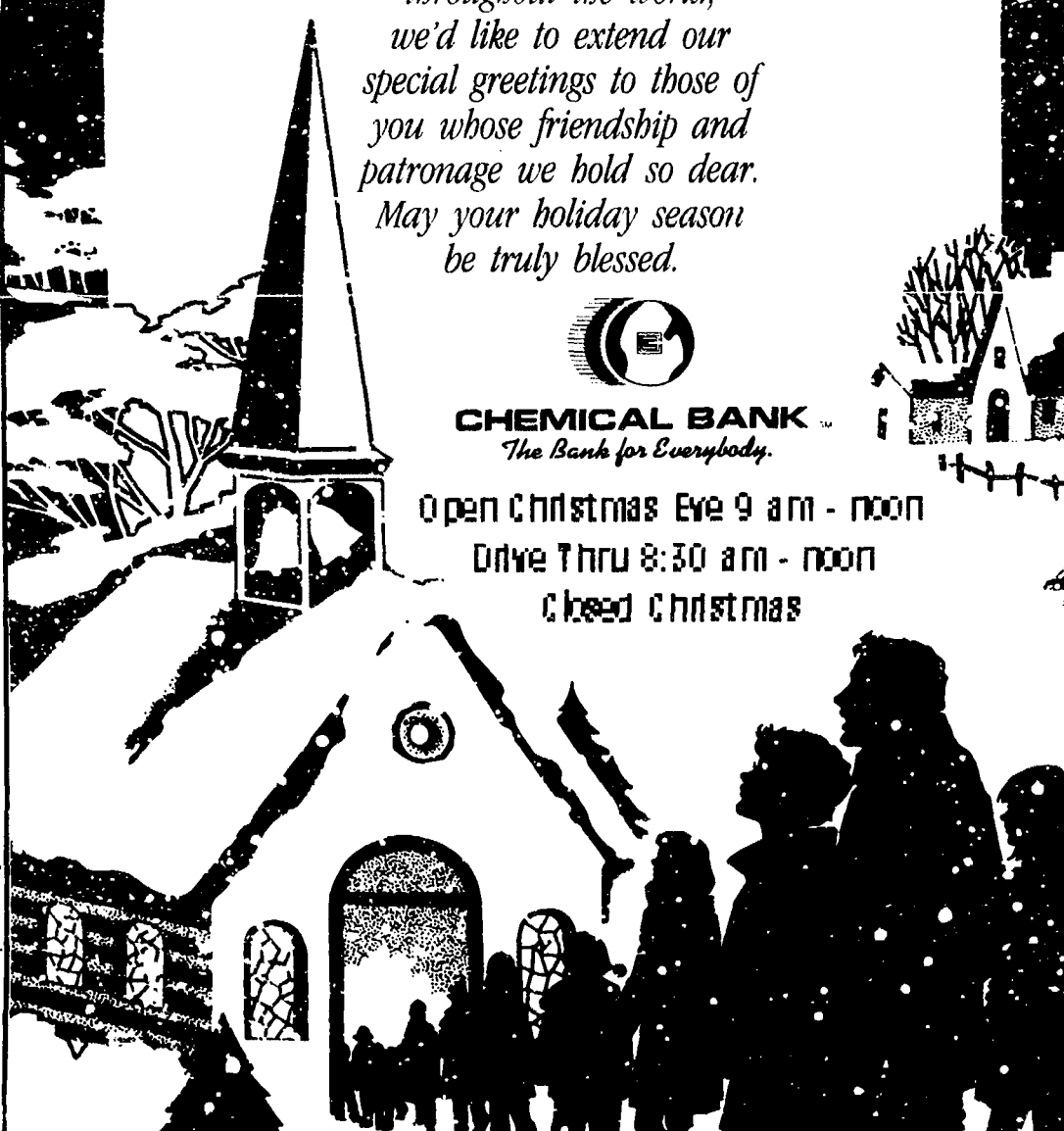
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AuSable Primary featured in architectural portfolio

Last month, *American School & University (AS&U)* magazine announced publication of the 1999 Architectural Portfolio. An annual publication honoring educational design excellence, AuSable Primary School in Grayling submitted by GBKB Architects Inc., is among 202 projects profiled in the November, 1999 issue of AS&U.

A jury of AIA members and

school administrators evaluate submissions from architectural firms across the country. Outstanding designs are chosen for publication in AS&U, a monthly educational facilities, purchasing and business administration magazine that will reach more than 68,000 facility planners, school and university administrators, school board members and architects with this special

issue.

This is the 17th year this annual competition has been held.

In considering projects for publication, primary consideration was given to the design firm's solution to the stated educational program requirements. Specific characteristics considered included:

- Environment
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- Community use
- Quality of experience for use
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- Technology
- Site adaptation

American School & University is an Intersect Publishing publication. Founded in 1928, AS&U is devoted exclusively to education facilities/business administration. The authority for information about the educational facilities market, AS&U delivers an insightful combination of exclusive reports, special focuses and how-to articles every month.

KCC names Enger Marketing Director

James Enger, Marketing Director for Doeren Mayhew, Certified Public Accountants and Management Consultants, in Detroit, has been appointed Marketing Director of Kirtland Community College. He will begin his new duties on Monday, January 3, 2000 and report to the College President.

In making the announcement, Richard Silverman, Kirtland Interim President, said he was pleased that Enger has accepted the new position. "Jim has more than 35

years of experience in the fields of advertising, public relations and marketing," said Silverman. "He's an author; he has hands-on production skills in both printed and visual media; he's very creative; and, he's an administrator as well." Silverman said one of Enger's early tasks will be to do research and to work with staff and faculty members in writing and developing a comprehensive marketing plan for the College.

Shortly after graduation from high school in 1964, Enger began

work as a copy writer with the marketing department of Jervis B. Webb Company, a materials handling business in Detroit. He also began attending classes at the Detroit College of Business. After several years he became the general manager/creative director of the company's in-house agency, Campbell, Henry & Calvin agency, Detroit. In 1978, after years in industrial marketing, he opened his own Orvis fly fishing shop in Farmington Hills, MI. Two years later, he became creative director for Felt & Kimler, a full-service advertising agency in Detroit.

During his career he has also served as communications director for the Detroit Auto Dealer's Association and responsible for every aspect of marketing The Detroit Auto Show; creative director for The Century Group, advertising agency, Traverse City; and associate creative director, Tuzee & Associates, Cape Coral, Florida.

In addition to his other work, Enger has written articles for several national magazines and other publications and is the author of the book, "The Incomplete Angler."

Attorney strikes out on his own

A new law office has opened in Grayling. Monte J. Burmeister, formerly of Terrence H. Bloomquist and Associates, has recently opened his own law practice.

The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC, officially opened for business on December 13 and is located at the Bloomquist & Associates office building, 306 State Street in Grayling. Burmeister formerly worked for Bloomquist, but is now striking out on his own. Burmeister's practice will empha-

size legal counsel regarding Divorce, Child Custody, Grandparent Visitation Rights, Property, Criminal Defense, and Employment Law cases.

In an effort to accommodate client's work schedules, Burmeister is also offering extended office hours for client appointments on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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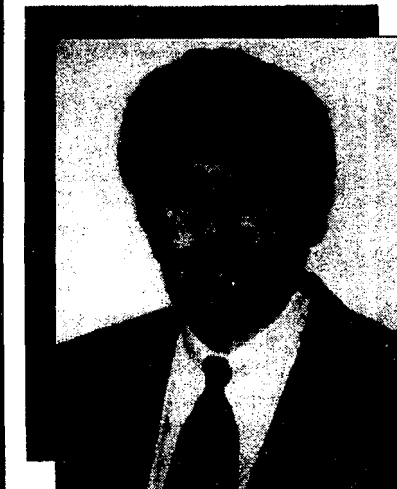
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Halls can be decked ... even on a budget

To celebrate the holiday season, many of the more than 1.6 million electric customers served by Consumers Energy are decking the halls with decorative lights.

Consumers Energy estimates that approximately five percent of its December electrical load can be attributed to holiday lighting. The added demand in December comes from businesses and shopping malls which install special lighting displays and extend shopping hours, as well as residential holiday lights.

The electric load attributed to the holiday season equals 125 gigawatt-hours, which is enough power to serve approximately 250,000 residential customers.

It would also light 1.25 billion 100-watt light bulbs for one hour. This equates to a solid string of light bulbs stretched from the Mackinac Bridge to the North Pole and back, ten times.

"Our residential customers benefit from rates which are in the lower half of electric utility rates throughout the nation," said Jon C. Hall,

public information director for the utility. "During the holiday season this benefit is better illuminated."

A residence in the utility's service territory will traditionally be decorated with an average of four strands of outdoor electric lights. If these lights glow for four hours each evening, the cost would be less than two cents per night for mini-lights and about seven cents for larger bulbs. The cost would be comparable to having the porch light on for the same period.

During the holiday season, approximately one million Christmas trees will be put up in homes throughout Consumers Energy's service territory. Each tree hosts an average of four strings of lights which are lit an estimated five to six hours each day for about 21 days. The electricity cost per hour per strand of the mini-lights is approximately one-tenth of a cent, making the total energy cost of powering the average Christmas tree for all 21 days of the season, about 79 cents.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from December 13 through December 19:

One intercept; two structure fires; one vehicle fire; one driving violation; three delinquent minors; one runaway; one hazardous condition; 16 traffic accidents (six car-deer); two false alarm; one vehicle inspection; two civil/family trouble; two suspicious situations; one lost-found property; 26 general non-criminal; one assault; one

assault/battery; one aggravated stalking; one arson; one burglary; one larceny; one motor vehicle theft; one fraudulent activities; three property damage; one escape/flight from detention; three public peace; one OUIL/UBAL; six public peace; ten health and safety (seven animal control); two conservation; two miscellaneous criminal offense; one miscellaneous arrest.

A total of 90 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

Kiwanis raises over \$2,000

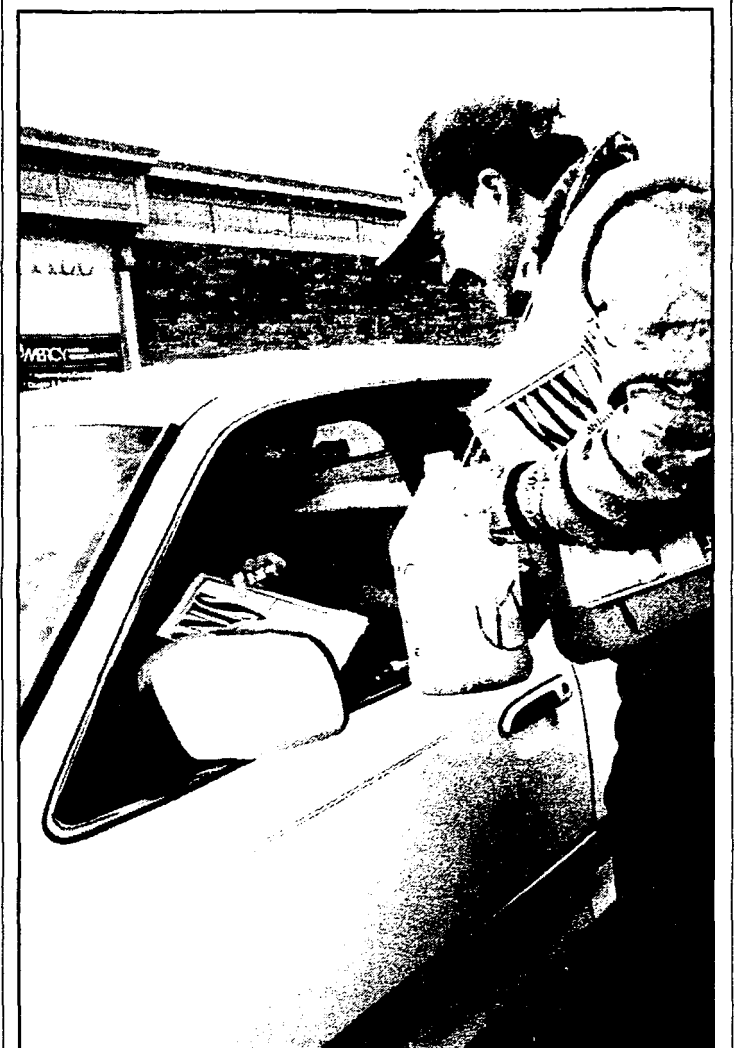


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GOODFELLOWS AND GALS - Members of the Grayling Kiwanis Club, like Brian McMahon, sold Goodfellows newspapers on the streets of Grayling, December 10-11, raising over \$2,000 for their community service projects such as Reading is Fundamental (RIF), Breakfast with Santa, and scholarship awards.

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Card of Thanks

Patty and I wish to express our sincere thanks to the Grayling Community for the years of friendship and trust you have shown to us and our family. Both Patty and myself did a lot of soul-searching in coming to the decision to leave Grayling and purchase our own funeral home in Mio. Although we will truly miss Grayling and all our friends, we are excited about our new adventure.

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We also wish Dean Meyering, new owner of Sorenson Funeral Home, success and satisfaction in the years to come.

We look forward to seeing some of you from time to time as we buzz in and out of Grayling.

Thanks again, we will miss you all.

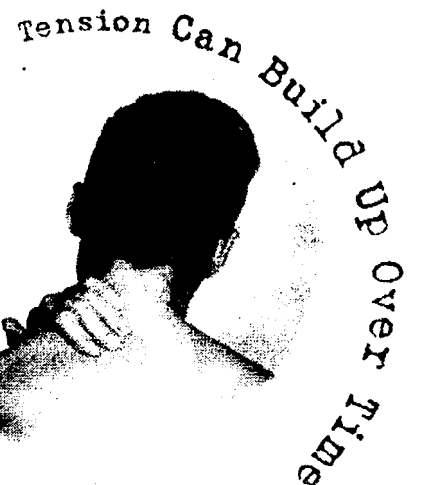
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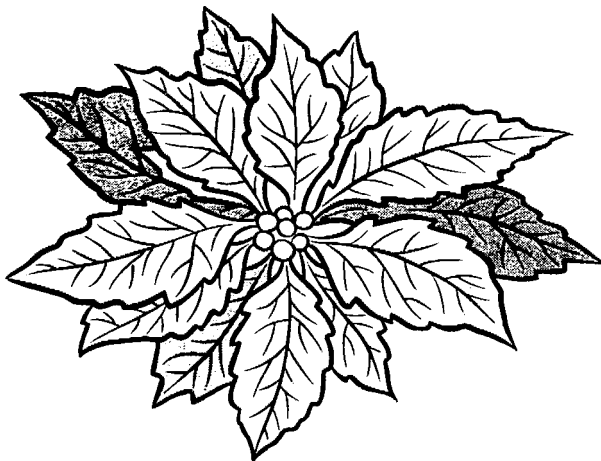
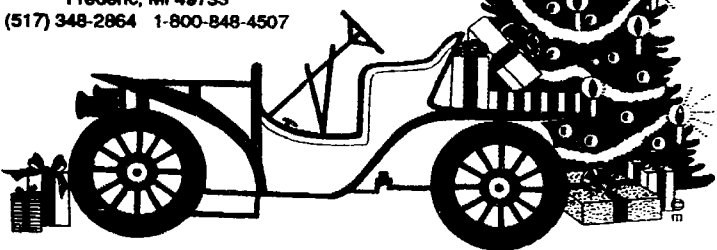
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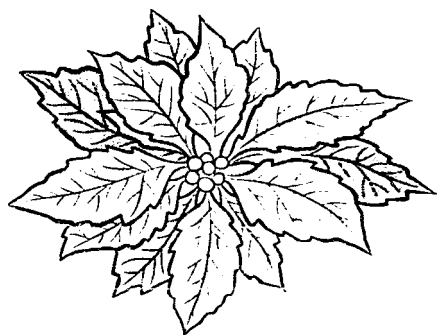
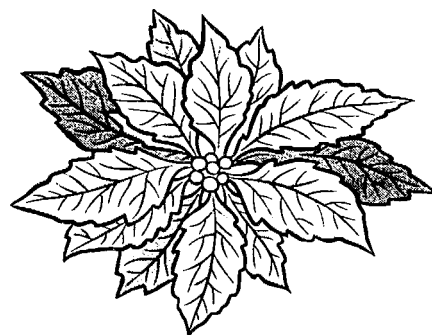


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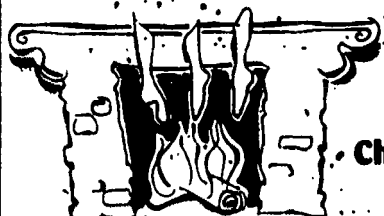
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RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 1st day of December 1999

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Hayes, Wyman, Palmer, Brown, Banda

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Terry McGregor, Acting City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Dennis Palmer, Chad Beckett, Bob Ahrens, Caleb Casey, Roger Palmer.

This special meeting was called to interview two potential candidates for the City Manager position and D.P.W. Labor Contract. A list of questions was asked the first candidate by Mayor Palmer with input from the rest of the Council.

Mayor Palmer stated the need to go into Executive Session to discuss the D.P.W. Labor Contract.

99-135
Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes, to go into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss D.P.W. Labor Negotiations. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

99-136
Moved by Banda, supported by Brown to adjourn Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Mayor Palmer called for a recess of 15 minutes before interviewing the second candidate.

The second candidate was interviewed with Mayor Palmer asking the questions with input from the City Council.

99-137
Moved by Banda, supported by Wyman to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the D. P.W. Union Contract. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

99-138
Moved by Brown, support by Banda to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

99-139
Moved by Wyman, supported by Brown that the D.P.W. Union Contract be approved pending some language changes and authorizing signatures of the Mayor and Acting City Manager. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

99-140
Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The special meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Terry McGregor
Acting City Manager

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 6th day of December 1999

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Brown, Palmer, Hayes, Wyman, Banda.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Terry McGregor, Acting City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Caleb Casey, Chad Beckett, Michele Butzin, Bob Butzin, Dennis Long, Bob Bovee, Fay Bovee, Dennis Palmer, Dennis Long.

This special meeting was called to interview two potential candidates for the City Manager position and the City Clerk's wage. A list of questions was asked each candidate by Mayor Palmer with input from the rest of the Council.

After conclusion of the interviews, Council discussed all of the candidates and narrowed it down to three that they would like to interview further. Mr. Banda and Mr. Hayes volunteered to make the trip to Grand Haven for a day and Mr. Wyman and Mr. Banda volunteered to drive to Gaylord for a day. Phone calls will be made during the week, will have more information at the next meeting.

City Clerk's wage. Terry McGregor discussed with Council a \$2,700.00 raise for the new City Clerk. She will have the responsibility of Oaths of Office, City, State and Federal Elections, Compensation of election workers, Public Notices, Minutes of Meetings and Special Meetings, keeping Ordinances in a book, etc. Council discussed this issue at length.

99-141
Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes, that the City Clerk's wage be increased by \$2,700.00 due to added responsibilities. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Banda), Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

99-142
Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman that this special meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

ried. The special meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Terry McGregor
Acting City Manager

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting December 8, 1999

Members Present: Janice Annis, Monica Ashton, Tom Hall, Ruth O'Mara, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Lynette Corlew, Joe Porter, Donald Williams, Tammy Carpenter, Sharon Hall, Bob Paulsen, Tim Coe, Ron Herron, Dean Worden, Curt Marshall.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis to approve minutes of November 10, 1999 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for November was read and placed on file.

Correspondence: (No action required) Crawford AuSable School District Board Happenings 11-8-99.

Citizens Who Wish to Speak: Tammy Carpenter and Nancy Kirby, Summit Avenue residents, and other unidentified residents requested the Township remove the signs recently placed at the Summit Avenue road end, after the erosion and drainage control project, because in their opinion the signs are not neighborly and in poor taste and imply that rights to use the public access are being taken away.

It was explained that the sign merely explained the Michigan Supreme Court ruling regarding allowable signs at public road ends. The "No Parking" signs are intended to assist in keeping the access from being blocked by vehicles, which might prevent ingress and egress to the lake.

Lake residents stressed that there is no history of access being blocked by traffic at the Summit Road end location and they see no need for the "No Parking" signs at this time.

Consensus of Board members and public present at the meeting that the MSC Rules sign should be removed.

Business:

1. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to authorize Tom Hall, trustee, and Terry Wright, supervisor, to remove all signs at Summit Road end, except the plaque listing organizations contributing to the erosion control project. Ayes: O'Mara, Hall, Ashton, Annis, Wright. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. Supervisor reported that the application by Grayling Township to establish a Renaissance Sub Zone on all state owned lands in Sections 20, 29, 32 and 33 of T26N, R3W has been denied. We can re-apply if and when there is another round of applications or pursue creation of an Industrial Development District for tax exemptions to businesses that locate in that area.

Motion by Hall, second by Annis, to proceed towards establishing an Industrial Development District on Four Mile Road industrial property and schedule a Public Hearing regarding establishment of said district for February 9, 2000. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Board members and public were asked to gather and present ideas for a Grayling Township logo for use on letterhead, flag, etc.

4. Consensus of Board to allow Grayling Township Offices to be closed between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., December 22, 1999, for employee "pot luck" Holiday Luncheon.

5. Motion by Hall, second by Annis, to authorize purchase of a 4-cycle, 3.8 horse snowblower from Sears for \$340. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Hall, second by Annis, to authorize custodial care of the Township Hall by Nancy Brooks to be increased from four hours to six hours per week. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to include with bills the purchase of Arc Serve 6.6 upgrade for Novell 4.11 and Arc Serve Disaster Recovery program through International Computer Consultants at a cost of \$851. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Monte Burmeister, Township legal counsel, is establishing his own practice and leaving Terrence H. Bloomquist and Assoc. Mr. Burmeister's office will remain in the same location. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis to authorize supervisor to sign agreement to allow Monte Burmeister to continue to represent Grayling Township under his newly established practice. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Reports: Building and Zoning Dept. Report was viewed and placed on file: Township Deputy Report was presented by Tim Coe and placed on file.

10. Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to authorize payment of claims on vouchers 21062, 21082-21090, 21105-21135, Guardian dental \$572.21, Board & Comm fees \$140 and liquor inspections \$90 for a grand total of \$61,133.53. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

11. Motion to adjourn by Annis, carried. All ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 29th day of November 1999

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Palmer, Hayes, Brown, Wyman, Banda.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Terry McGregor, Acting City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, one student, Dennis Palmer, Skylynn Palmer, Chad Beckett, Bob Ahrens, Duane Brooks, Jack Money, Dennis Long, Bob Butzin, Caleb Casey.

99-128
Moved by Brown, supported by Banda that the minutes of the meeting of November 8, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

99-129
Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes that the minutes of the special meeting of November 17, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

99-130
Moved by Banda, supported by Wyman that the minutes of the special meeting of November 22, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing, None.

Communications were received and noted.

a. C.I.A. Minutes of the November 1, 1999 meeting.

b. Letter written from last council meeting to Tiger Cubs, Den II, Pack 3993 from Mayor Palmer for a fine job they did at the City Park.

c. Housing Commission Minutes.

Old Business.

a. Snow Removal from city sidewalks. CIA would like Council to look into snow removal from city sidewalks. Council needs to look at options available before making a decision, if there is an ordinance on file regarding property owners being responsible for keeping their sidewalks cleared, and if there is a need to look at funding options. Would like more information for the next council meeting. December 13, 1999.

b. Labor Agreement is all signed with the Police Department.

New Business.

a. Resolution for 30 years on the Fire Department and 10 years on the Fire Department.

Mayor Palmer presented a plaque and resolution to Duane Brooks for 30 years of service on the Grayling/Grayling Township Fire Department. Resolution was read as follows: WHEREAS, DUANE BROOKS became a member of the Grayling City & Township Fire Department on November 24, 1969, and WHEREAS, Duane has provided a level of service which is an example for all current and future firefighters, and

WHEREAS, he has completed hundreds of hours of training, accepted the responsibility of training fellow firefighters, provided thousands of hours of fire fighting service to the community, served on various committees, served as Training Officer, Captain and his current position as Assistant Fire Chief, and

WHEREAS, his good humor, leadership, dedication and thinking of others before himself have helped make Grayling a safer place to live, work and play.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grayling City Council on this 29th day of November, 1999 do hereby thank DUANE BROOKS for his 30 years of unselfish service to the citizens of Grayling.

FURTHER, that the City Council and Mayor do hereby proclaim December 4, 1999 as "DUANE BROOKS DAY" in the City of Grayling and urge all citizens to join in saluting DUANE for a job well done.

Mayor Palmer presented a resolution to Jack Money for 10 years of service on the Grayling/Grayling Township Fire Department. Resolution was read as follows: WHEREAS, JACK MONEY became a member of the Grayling City & Township Fire Department on November 13, 1989, and WHEREAS, he has served with distinction for ten (10) years as a Volunteer Fireman, and

WHEREAS, he has regularly attended weekly department meetings, training sessions, work details and serving on various committees, and

WHEREAS, he has given of himself and his time in unselfish service to his community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Grayling that they hereby express their appreciation to JACK MONEY for ten (10) years of dedicated service to the citizens of Grayling and Grayling Township.

b. Meeting schedule for December. We have scheduled only one Regular City Council Meeting in December due to the holidays. This will be December 13, 1999.

c. Recognition for City Employees.

99-131
Moved by Hayes, supported by Brown to give gift certificate of \$15 to the employees

of the City for Employee Recognition. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. State Police Lease Agreement. Mayor Palmer appointed Dave Wyman to work with Terry McGregor on the lease agreement when the State supplies us with cost figures.

e. Comparative Balance Sheet. New format is being used. Ms. Brown inquired about the water & sewer fund.

f. Mayor Palmer asked Council to send a letter of support from the City for the bike path trails from the High School to Hartwick Pines.

99-132

Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman for the Mayor to send a letter of support on behalf of the bike trails in Grayling and Crawford County. This is a good project which benefits many people and Council is happy to endorse this worthwhile project. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Dennis Long spoke as steward for Local 214, thanking Council for their efforts to complete the union package for the Police Department. He also asked if the two Council members who met with them could meet with the DPW stewards to finish their contract as soon as possible. Wyman and Banda agreed to meet with them.

99-133

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes to re-post the Special Meeting of Wednesday, December 1, 1999 to include discussing the DPW labor contract. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Reports of Acting City Manager.

a. Library progress. The septic is in at the library, the pipe across the river will be removed on Wednesday. Ms. McGregor would like to thank Doug Doby and the DPW crew for the work they have done in completing this project in a timely manner.

b. Library purchase agreement with the city is completed.

c. Working on a new BC/BS package which will save the city a lot of money per year. Also meeting with another company with proposals including life insurance quotes. Will report back at a later date.

d. The auditors will be at the December 13, 1999 Meeting to discuss the audit for the City of Grayling.

e. Picking up the re-cyclables. Have been in touch with Waste Management.

f. Computer programs. All of our computers have been upgraded and we have a new Income Tax program. We are looking at buying a new cash drawer in the front office as after January 1, our current one will be obsolete.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Brian Banda reported to Council that the school is thinking of placing a flashing light where the crossing guard is located to help with traffic congestion. This will probably come up at some time in the future and Council should be aware of the problem. Mr. Hayes also mentioned that a rail could be placed at the sidewalk to protect the children walking from cars on icy roads.

b. Mr. Wyman commented on the article in the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* of a person donating \$500,000 to the new library contingent upon the millage passing in August. It is refreshing to hear some positive news regarding Grayling.

c. Mayor Palmer gave achievement awards on behalf of the City of Grayling to Matt Evon and Tiger Cubs. They are looking forward to calling us in the spring for other projects.

Adjournment.

99-134

Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Terry McGregor
Acting City Manager

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert Near and Victoria Near, Husband and Wife, of Roscommon, Michigan (Mortgagors) AAA Mortgage and Financial Corporation (Mortgagee) dated February 12, 1996, and recorded February 16, 1996, in Liber 407, Page 340, Crawford County Records, and was assigned by an assignment to Beneficial Michigan, Inc., dated February 20, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 28, 1997 in Liber 425, Page 615, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$42,643.47 including interest at the rate of 12.250% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of January, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage

by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of same; thence Easterly on the 1/8-line, 500.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing Easterly 30.00 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, 330.00 feet; thence Westerly, 330.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a non-exclusive 33.00 foot wide access easement for ingress and egress over the Westerly 500.00 feet of the Northerly 33.00 feet and over the Westerly 33.00 feet of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West. Tax ID #062-027-003-020-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 3, 1999

Mortgagee
Beneficial Michigan, Inc.
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)
Attorney for Mortgagee
500 N. Woodward Avenue, Suite 300
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2964
(248) 540-7500

-9-16-23-30-6

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas L. Ramsey a single man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 1996, and recorded on April 24, 1996, in Liber 410 Page 317, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND 92/100 DOLLARS (\$13,433.92) including interest at 10.200% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on January 5, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 11 and 11a, Manistee River Woods, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 16, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 24, 1999
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 991112485
Ravens

-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF PATENT LAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND HAS BEEN DULY PATENTED:

Comm. at Inter of N ly Row of M-93 and E. Line of Sect 15; th N on E Line 200 Ft; th SW ly 197.8 ft; th SE ly 200 ft m/l to N ly Row of M-93; th NE ly on M-93 130 ft m/l to POB.

Anyone have a legal claim on the above described land must make this claim within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice, or forever preclude you from making any claim upon m "Patented land."

-23-30-6-13

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, January 6, 2000, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648 for the following item:

FOR TWO OR MORE TANDEM AXLE TRUCKS 56,000# GVWR

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Tandem Axle Truck Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to withhold any and all trade-in options of the Road Commission and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford Road Commissioners

Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman
Thomas E. Perry, Commissioner

-16-23-30

A PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7564 Co. Rd 612 • Frederic, MI 49733
(517) 348-8778

The Frederic Township Board at the December 14, 1999 regular board meeting voted to approve and adopted (Parcel Division Ordinance No. 2000-4) and (Junkyard Licensing Ordinance No. 2000-5.) These Ordinances can be obtained in their entirety at the Frederic Township Hall during regular business hours. These Ordinances will take effect (30) days after its publication.

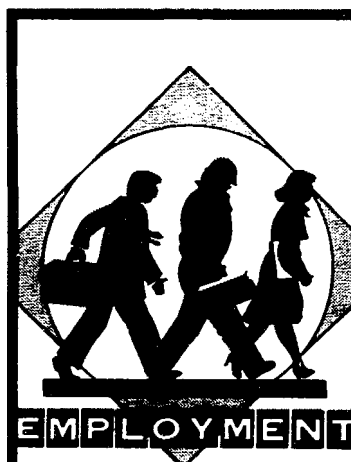
Nancy Bindschattel - Township Clerk

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The Frederic Township Board at the December 14, 1999 regular board meeting voted to approve and adopted (Resolution 2000-A.) A Resolution to establish a "Planning Commission" and to repeal and replace the current Frederic Township Zoning Board. This Resolution shall take effect 60 days after the date of this publication.

Nancy Bindschattel - Township Clerk



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The Frederic Township Board at the December 14, 1999, regular board meeting voted to approve and adopted (Dangerous Structures Ordinance No. 2000-1), (Nuisance Ordinance No. 2000-2) and (Dismantled or Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance No. 2000-3). These Ordinances are hereby published in their entirety in this week's publication as follows and will take effect (30) days after its publication.

Nancy Bindschatel - Township Clerk

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP DANGEROUS STRUCTURES ORDINANCE Ordinance No. 2000-1

THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC ORDAINS:

Section 1. "Dangerous Structure" Defined.

As used in this Ordinance a "dangerous structure" means a building or structure that has one (1) or more of the following defects or is in one (1) or more of the following conditions:

- A portion of the building or structure is damaged by fire, wind, flood, or other cause so that the structural strength or stability of the building or structure is appreciably less than it was before the catastrophe and does not meet the minimum requirements of the building code enforced within the Township for a new building or structure.
- A part of the building or structure is likely to fall, become detached or dislodged, or collapse and injure persons or damage property.
- A portion of the building or structure has settled to such an extent that walls or other structural portions of the building or structure have materially less resistance to wind than is required in the case of new construction by the building code enforced within the Township.
- The building or structure, or a part of the building or structure, because of dilapidation, deterioration, decay, faulty construction, or the removal or movement of some portion of the ground necessary for the support, or for other reasons, is likely to partially or completely collapse, or some portion of the foundation or underpinning of the building or structure is likely to fall or give way.
- The building, structure, or a part of the building or structure is manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it is used.
- The building or structure is damaged by fire, wind, or flood, or is dilapidated or deteriorated and has become an attractive nuisance to children who might play in the building or structure to their danger.
- The building or structure is vacant, dilapidated, and opened at door or window, leaving the interior of the building exposed to the elements or accessible to entrance by trespassers.

Section 2. Prohibition.

No person, corporation, business organization, or other legal entity shall own, occupy or maintain any dangerous structure within the Township.

Section 3. Notice.

If a building or structure is found to be a dangerous structure, the Township shall give the owner of the building or structure written notice of the dangerous condition and thirty (30) days to demolish and remove the dangerous structure from the property or to repair the dangerous structure to make it safe. The notice may be personally delivered to the owner or mailed to the owner by first class mail at the address shown on the assessor's rolls

Section 4. Inspection

Township representatives shall have the right to inspect structures to determine violations of or compliance with this Ordinance. Township representatives may exercise this right to inspection by consent of the person having the right to possession of the structure or any part thereof, or by administrative search warrant.

Section 5. Penalty/Civil Infraction.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction as defined in Public Act 12 of 1994, amending Public Act 236 of 1961, being Sections 600.101-600.9939 of Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) Dollars. Each day this Ordinance is violated shall be considered as a separate violation.

Section 6. Enforcement.

The Township Zoning Administrator is hereby designated as the authorized Township official to issue municipal civil infraction citations directing alleged violators of this Ordinance to appear in court.

Section 7. Nuisance.

A violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance or a nuisance per se and is declared to be offensive to the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 8. Injunctive Relief.

In addition to enforcing this Ordinance through the use of a municipal civil infraction proceeding, the Township may initiate proceedings in the Circuit Court to abate or eliminate the nuisance per se or any other violation of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Abatement by Township.

If a Court of competent jurisdiction finds the owner or occupant of a building or structure in violation of this Ordinance, the Court, in addition to ordering the owner or occupant to demolish the dangerous structure and remove it from the property or to repair the dangerous structure to make it safe, may authorize the Township to demolish the dangerous structure and remove it from the property or to repair the dangerous structure to make it safe. The Court, however, shall not authorize the Township to demolish the dangerous structure if the cost of repairing the building or structure to a safe condition is less than the state equalized value for the building or structure.

Section 10. Cost Recovery; Lien.

- The costs incurred by the Township in demolishing the dangerous structure and removing it from the property or repairing the dangerous structure to a safe condition, including reasonable attorney fees, shall be reimburse to the Township by the owner or party in interest in whose name the property appears.
- The owner or party in interest in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment roll shall be notified by the assessor of the amount of the costs of the demolition or repair of the dangerous structure by first-class mail at the address shown on the records. If the owner or party in interest fails to pay the costs within thirty (30) days after mailing by the assessor of the notice of the amount of the costs, the Township shall have a lien for the costs incurred by the Township to bring the property into compliance with this Ordinance. The lien shall not take effect until notice of the lien has been filed or recorded as provided by law. The lien provided for in this subsection does not have priority over previously filed or recorded liens and encumbrances. The lien for the costs shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the state General Property Tax Act.

Section 11. Repeal.

The Township of Frederic Unsafe Buildings Ordinance, being Ordinance 98-15, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 12. Validity.

If any section, provision or clause of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect any remaining portions or application of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid portion or application.

Section 13. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its publication.

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP NUISANCE ORDINANCE Ordinance No. 2000-2

THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC ORDAINS:

Section 1 - Definitions

As used in this Ordinance the following terms shall have the meanings prescribed in this section.

- "Building materials" includes but is not limited to lumber, bricks, concrete or cinder blocks, plumbing or heating materials, electrical wiring or equipment, shingles, mortar, concrete or cement, nails, screws, or any other materials used in construction of any structure.
- "Garbage" means rejected food wastes, including waste accumulation of animal, fruit or vegetable matter used or intended for food or that relate to the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in, or storing of meat, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetables. "Garbage" does not include one (1) compost pile consisting of decaying organic substances intended for fertilizing land; provided, however, that the compost pile is no larger than five feet (5') square and is located on the property so that it cannot be seen from any public highway or seen from any adjoining land owned by another person.
- "Junk" - By way of example and not limitation the term shall include used or salvaged metals and their compounds or combination, used or salvaged rope, rubber, tires or car parts.
- "Liquid industrial wastes" means any liquid brine, by-product, industrial wastewater, leachate, off-specification commercial product, sludge, grease-trap clean-out residue, used oil, or other liquid waste produced by, incident to or resulting from industrial or commercial activity except any liquid brine normally used or stored in regard to oil or gas extraction on a site permitted by the Michigan Supervisor of Wells.
- "Rubbish" means nonputrescible solid wastes including ashes, paper, cardboard, metal containers, glass, bedding, crockery, bags, rags, and demolished materials.
- "Person" means an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity.
- "Sealed container" means a covered, closable container which is rodent-proof, fly-proof and watertight such as garbage cans with properly fitting tops or plastic garbage bags which have been closed or twisted shut.
- "Totally closed structure" means a building capable of being sealed on all sides such as a house, garage or storage shed with a roof, floor and walls or closable doors around its perimeter.

Section 2 - Nuisances

The following are hereby declared to be nuisances:

- The keeping or storage of building materials outside on private property six (6) months after an occupancy permit is issued by the Crawford County Building Department. This subsection, however, shall not apply to building materials kept or stored outside on private property if the building material is kept or stored in an orderly fashion. As used in this subsection, the phrase "building material" shall mean that all building material of the same type, including but not limited to lumber (both stick and sheet wood), cement blocks, bricks, roofing material, and siding shall be kept or stored together and not kept or stored intermingled with building material of a different type and shall be stacked in an organized fashion customary for that type of building material. By way of example and not limitation, stick lumber shall be piled with all sticks substantially parallel to one another, sheet wood shall be piled one on top of another with the area of one sheet covering as much as possible the area of the sheet beneath it, cement blocks and bricks shall be stacked in the shape of a cube in such a manner that they will not fall off the stack, and siding shall be piled with each piece substantially parallel to one another.
- The keeping or storage of ashes, junk, garbage or rubbish outside of a totally enclosed structure on private property except in a sealed container designed for the purpose of holding such ashes, junk, garbage, or rubbish.
- The placing of ashes, junk, garbage or rubbish on private property without the owner's permission or on public property. This provision applies regardless of whether the ashes, junk, garbage or rubbish is in a sealed container.
- The keeping or storage of junk, garbage or rubbish on private property, including inside a building, in such a manner that the items, regardless of the method of containment, have become a breeding ground, food source or habitation of insects, rodents or vermin.
- Intentional depositing of liquid petroleum crude oil, liquid petroleum crude oil byproducts and derivatives or liquid industrial wastes on the ground.
- The existence of any structure or damaged partial structure which because of fire, wind or other natural disaster or physical deterioration is no longer habitable as a dwelling, nor currently useful for any other purposes for which it may have been intended.
- The existence of any vacant building, garage, house or outbuilding unless such structure is kept secure from entry by the public.
- The distributing, placing, posting, or affixing of posters, notices, or handbills on private property without consent of the owner or occupant except as authorized or required by law.

Section 3 - Prohibition

No person shall commit, create, or maintain any nuisance. No person shall knowingly permit the existence of a nuisance on the property owned or possessed by such person. Each day a nuisance shall exist shall be construed as a separate violation.

Section 4 - Industrial Usage

The storage or keeping of salvageable metal or wood shall not be prohibited on property on which is located a factory engaged in manufacturing, assembling or machining as long as the salvageable metal or wood is for resale or reuse by the occupant of the property.

Section 5 - Penalty/Civil Infraction

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined in Public Act 12 of 1994, amending Public Act 236 of 1961, being Sections 600.101-600.9939 of Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) Dollars. Each day this Ordinance is violated shall be considered as a separate violation. Any action taken under this Section shall not prevent civil proceedings for abatement or termination of the prohibited activity.

Section 6 - Enforcement

The Township Zoning Administrator is hereby designated as the authorized township official to issue municipal civil infraction citations directing alleged violators of this Ordinance to appear in court.

Section 7 - Abatement by Township

If the owner or possessor of any property on which a nuisance exists fails to eliminate a nuisance after having received notice from the Township of the existence of the nuisance, the Township Zoning Administrator, after receiving authorization by the Township Board, may take such steps as are necessary to abate or eliminate the nuisance. The notice shall describe the location of the property, describe the nature of the nuisance and give ten (10) days in which the owner or possessor may eliminate the nuisance without intervention by the Township. The written notice may be served personally or may be sent by first-class mail to the last known address of the owner or occupier of the premises. The time period shall commence on the date of the personal service or in the case of mailing service shall be deemed to have taken place on the date of mailing. The cost of elimination of the nuisance by the Township, including reasonable attorney fees, may be collected in a lawsuit against the owner and/or possessor of the property on which the nuisance existed and/or against the person who committed, created, or maintained the nuisance.

Section 8 - Repeal

The Township of Frederic Junk and Garbage Ordinance, being Ordinance 98-11, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 9 - Validity

If any section, provision or clause of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect any remaining portions or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid portion or application.

Section 10 - Separate Court Action

Nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit the Township or any interested party from seeking such other relief as may be permitted in law or in equity regarding the existence of a nuisance. A violation of this Ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se.

Section 11 - Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its first publication.

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP DISMANTLED OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE Ordinance No.2000-3

THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC ORDAINS:

Section 1 - Definitions

- "Motor vehicles" are hereby defined as any wheeled vehicle which is designed to be self-propelled.
- "Inoperable motor vehicles" are defined as motor vehicles, which by reason of dismantling, disrepair, lack of licensing or other cause are either incapable of being propelled under their own power or are prevented by law from being propelled on a public highway.
- "Dismantled and partially dismantled motor vehicles" are defined as motor vehicles from which a part or parts integral to the operation of such motor vehicle, or a part or parts required by any law or regulation to be present on a motor vehicle, has been removed or is missing.
- A "junk dealer" is a person who owns or operates a lawful junkyard located within the Township.
- "Farm operation" means an active enterprise primarily involving the commercial production, harvesting, and storage of plant and animal products useful to human beings on a site or sites within the Township having a combined area of ten (10) or more acres.
- A "person" means an individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company, limited partnership, or any other legal entity.
- "Public Highway" is any publicly maintained way upon which any part thereof is open to the use of the public for the purposes of vehicular travel.

Section 2 - Prohibition

No person shall park or store, or knowingly allow another person to park or store for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days, three (3) or more dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicles outside a building such that the dismantled, partially dismantled, or inoperable motor vehicles can be seen from any public highway or seen from any adjoining land owned by another person. This section shall not apply to junk dealers, farm operations, or to garages and service stations openly and actively engaged in making service repairs for the public.

Section 3 - Nuisance

A violation of Section 2 of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, a nuisance per se and is hereby further declared to be offensive to the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 4 - Penalty

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined in Public Act 12 of 1994, amending Public Act 236 of 1961, being Sections 600.101-600.9939 of Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) Dollars. Each day this Ordinance is violated shall be considered as a separate violation.

Section 5 - Enforcement Officer

The Township Zoning Administrator is hereby designated as the authorized township official to issue municipal civil infraction citations directing alleged violators of this Ordinance to appear in court.

Section 6 - Civil Action

In addition to enforcing this Ordinance through the use of a municipal civil infraction proceeding, the Township may initiate proceedings in the Circuit Court to abate or eliminate the nuisance per se or any other violation of this Ordinance.

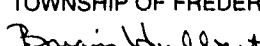
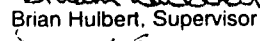
Section 7 - Severability

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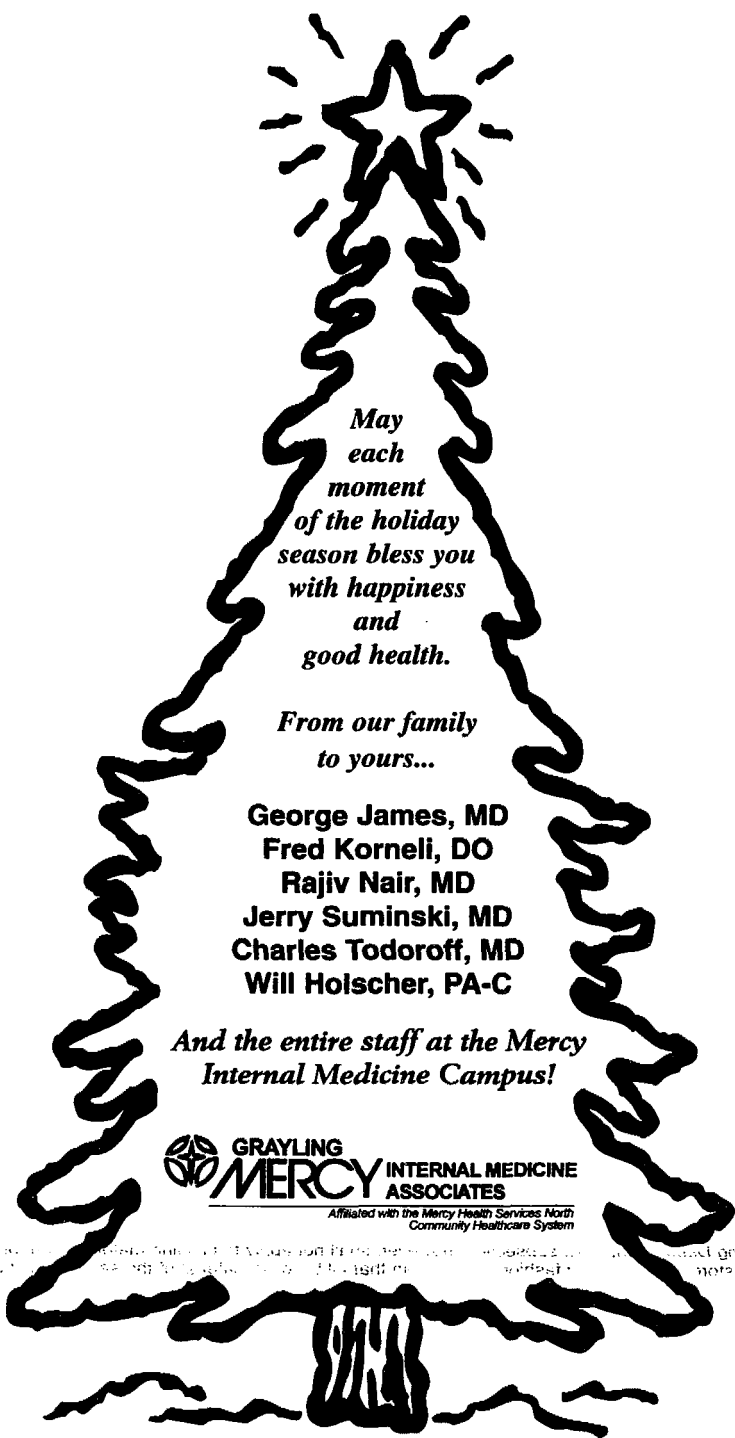
Section 8 - Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its first publication.

TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC


Brian Hulbert, Supervisor

By: Nancy L. Bindschatel, Clerk

SEASON'S GREETINGS



May
each
moment
of the holiday
season bless you
with happiness
and
good health.

From our family
to yours...

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Fred Korneli, DO
Rajiv Nair, MD
Jerry Suminski, MD
Charles Todoroff, MD
Will Holscher, PA-C

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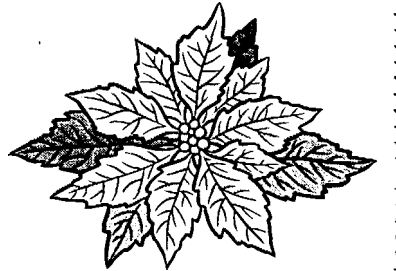
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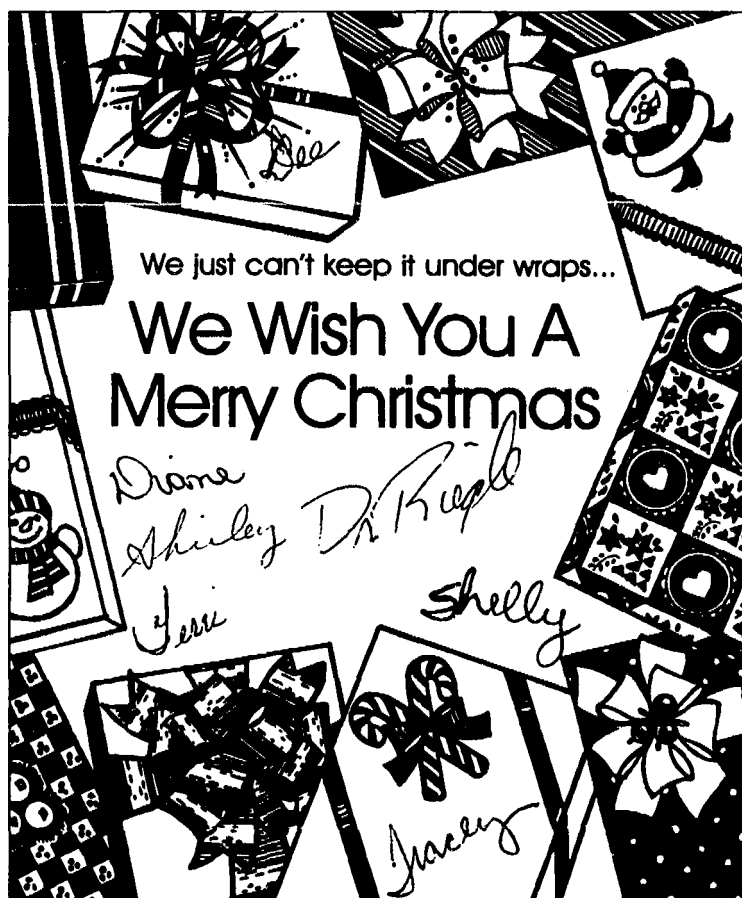
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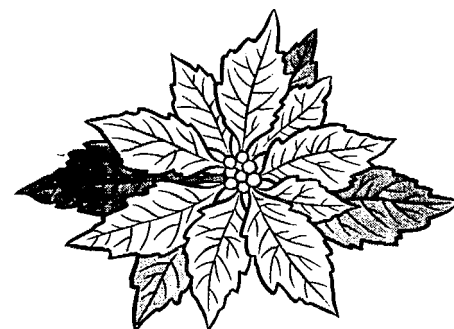
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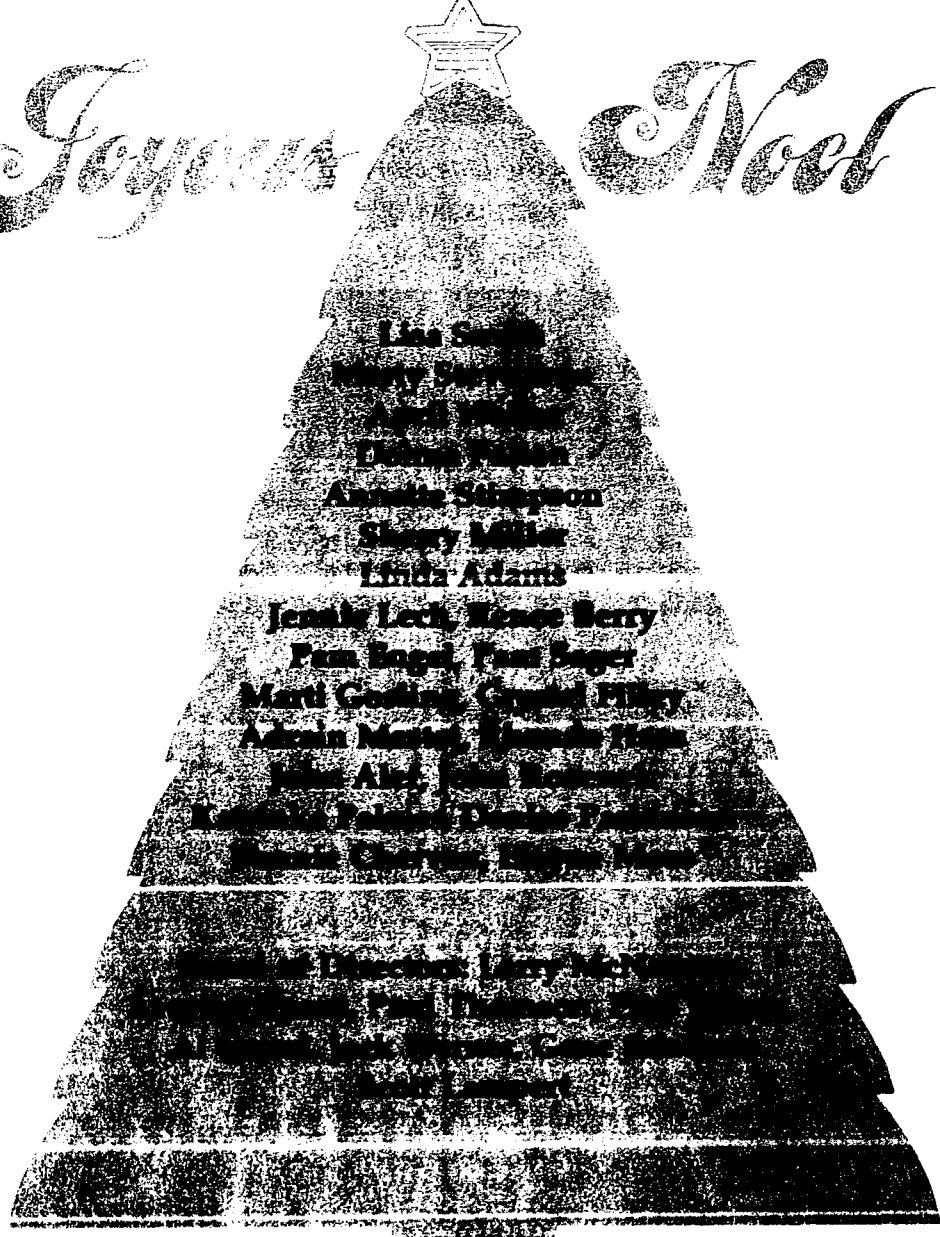



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Thursday, December 23, 1999

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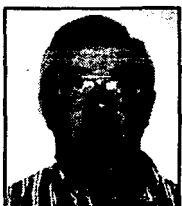
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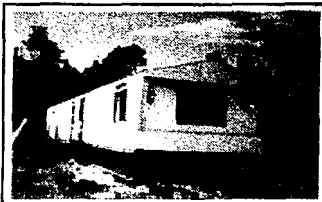
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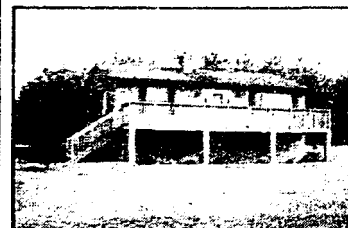
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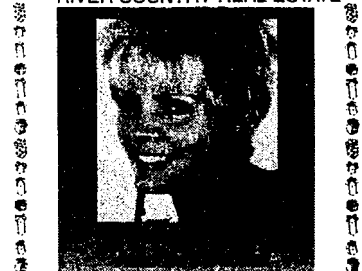
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Debbie BONDAR Century 21 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE

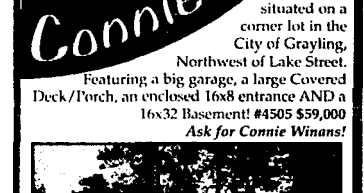


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- Aries**
March 21-April 20
It's been a pretty good year for you and your family. However, you may find a problem headed your way. You need to face it as a family rather than as individuals. You'll accomplish a lot more together than you will alone.
- Taurus**
April 21-May 21
A new year and a new you is about to emerge. Set some goals and stick to them. Be open to suggestions from a relative. He/she has faced some of the same problems you are facing now, and his/her advice will be valuable to you.
- Gemini**
May 22-June 21
Are you anywhere near fulfilling your 1999 resolutions? Where did you put that list? Sounds like it's time for you to forget about those resolutions and set some for next year. First learn to manage your time, then set priorities and follow through.
- Cancer**
June 22-July 22
It's the end of the year again, and your finances are not improving. You need to get your spending under control now before you get any further in the hole. Your sense of humor is not going to carry you through this situation.
- Leo**
July 23-August 23
Resolve to laugh more next year. Laughter has been lacking in your life, and it shows in the way you deal with problems, work, home, family and friends. A little laughter can brighten your day and help you face more with a better attitude.
- Virgo**
August 24-September 22
Don't get down on yourself because you didn't accomplish the goals you set for 1999. Some of them are long-term, so you need to take your time and do them right. Stay focused on the fact that you did accomplish some of your goals.
- Libra**
September 23-October 23
Friendly social gatherings and happy times are what this week is all about. Social gatherings sometimes pose romantic possibilities or even the chance of new career opportunities. So keep your eyes, ears and heart open.
- Scorpio**
October 24-November 22
Patience and understanding are lacking in your life. It's time for a change. Otherwise, you'll be facing problems with friends, family and coworkers. Maybe you should seek the advice of a counselor to help you.
- Sagittarius**
November 23-December 21
A friend may seem like he/she has answers to your financial problems, but beware! Interpretation of events or situations may come back to haunt you. Turn to a professional for the real story; don't depend on someone who really doesn't know.
- Capricorn**
December 22-January 20
Get all your little jobs done so you can enjoy holiday fun. It's the end of the year, you've worked hard all year, and you need to take some time to enjoy yourself. It's important that you don't get worked up about things you can't control.
- Aquarius**
January 21-February 18
Focus on upcoming plans to make your week a success. Hearing from a long-distance friend will result in good memories. Plan a get-together with him/her—relieve stress and laugh a little. You'll be amazed at how good you feel.
- Pisces**
February 19-March 20
Break away from old routines. Start a new life of healthy living, and reduce all the stress around you. You may find strong personal relationships bring new and wonderful opportunities, so don't close any doors.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Campbell's Monterey Turkey Fajitas

Pre/Cook Time: 20 min.
1 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 medium green or red pepper, cut into strips
1 medium onion, sliced
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup or 98 percent fat free cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup thick & chunky salsa*
2 cups cooked turkey cut in strips
8 flour tortillas (8")
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack Cheese

Heat: oil in skillet. Add pepper and onion and cook until tender-crisp. Add: soup, salsa and turkey and heat through. Spoon: about 1/2 cup turkey mixture down center of each tortilla. Top with cheese and additional salsa. Fold tortillas around filling.

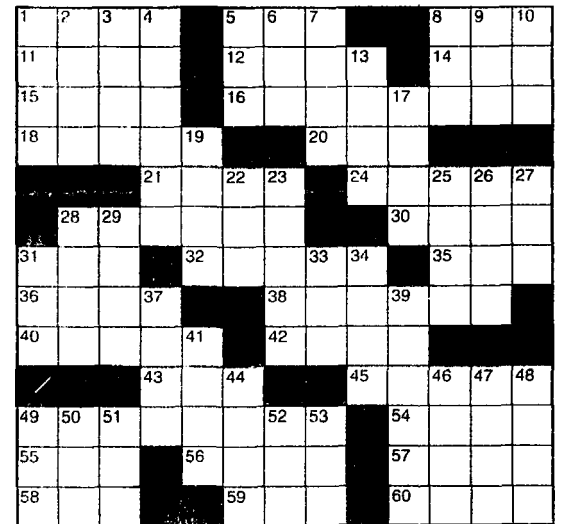
Serves 4.

* Try any one of these varieties available regionally: Cilantro, Chipotle or Roasted Pepper & Garlic.



HOME NEEDED - This puppy was found along E. M-72. He was starved and we think he had been thrown from a car as his rear leg was broken. He seems to be mending well and needs a special person to take him home and love him. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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- Powder base
- Mormon foreman
- Quake quiver
- Wise
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- Hard, dark wood
- Collar
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- Got close
- Colleague of John, Chevy and Jane
- Days of old
- Tiny terror
- Jeans fabric
- Symphony section
- Prefix meaning "somewhat"
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- Revolutionary orator
- One of John Boy's sisters
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- The _____ Of The Lark (Cather)

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ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
December 23, 1976



Karl A. Schreiner was appointed to the position of a City Police Patrolman, effective December 27. A native of Ypsilanti.

Mr. Schreiner graduated third of thirty nine in his class from the Police Academy at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. For the last two years, he has been a paid member of the Kent County Sheriff Reserve.

RSVP volunteers sewed over 100 nightgowns and almost 100 pairs of pajamas this year to be given away at Christmas by the Community Services group, along with baskets of food.

The Grayling Booster Club donated \$1,000 to the Hanson Hill Ski Area. The money will be used to replace rental downhill ski equipment and to purchase cross country ski rental equipment. This is their second donation to the ski area this year.

Fred Kauffman, Chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners presented certificates of appreciation to member of the Regional Planning Commission. The commission report gave the county background information on population, labor force, unemployment, the economy and community facilities.

46 Years Ago
December 24, 1953

The Grayling Post 106, American Legion, feted the inmates of Camp Lehman to a Christmas party in appreciation of the work inmates did on their free weekends last summer on the Legion community Bowling Alley Building.

The Grayling Post 106, American

Legion will be sending in for their second thirty year charter soon. The local post was chartered on January 20, 1925. It is necessary to announce intention to see renewal one year in advance. The original charter was signed by Alfred Hanson as Post Commander, Victor Peterson Vice-Commander, Roy O. Milnes, Adjutant, Wilfred Laurant, Finance Officer, Emil O. Giegling, Chaplain and Neal Mathews, Sergeant at Arms.

The Grayling High Vikings extended their season's victory string to five straight with a pair of wins last week, which marks them as one of the best, if not the best Class C basketball teams in northern Michigan. Grayling is the only unbeaten Class C team in this part of the state.

Thirty-three qualified AuSable River guides organized recently and elected Earl Madsen as president. He will also represent the group at the upcoming hearings with the Conservation Department regarding the proposed changes in trout fishing regulations. These guides, who perhaps represent more years of fishing experience for trout than any other one group in Michigan went down the line in supporting the proposed changes. They discussed, however, only those waters in Crawford County. They felt that they also registered the opinions of their customers as well as their own judgment. These rules included designating some waters as fly fishing only, put a limit on the number of rods (one) and put a size limit (10 inches) and daily limit (5) on trout. They also favored the removal of the dam at the US 27 bridge.

The Grayling Sportsmen's Club went on record as approving the Conservation Commission's proposed changes in the trout fishing regulations.

A tagged doe deer 10 1/2 years old, was shot during the special deer season this year in southern Crawford County. She had been captured and tagged as a fawn in February 1942 in

the Hanson Refuge, only a few miles from where she was shot.

69 Years Ago
December 25, 1930

Nels P. Olson, one of Grayling's oldest citizens passed away at his home early Monday morning, following a two year illness. He was 81 years old. He is survived by his widow, the former Marie Fischer and eight children, Miss Anna Schlotz, Mrs. Rube MacNeven, Esbern, George, Ernest and Lester, all of Grayling and Alfred and James of Detroit.

Miss Virginia Hanson, who attends Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is spending the holidays with her father, T.W. Hanson.

Hurl Deckrow, who is employed by the Alert Pipe and Supply Co. of Bay City visited at his home here Sunday.

Miss Thiemes classes in home economics have been busy bees as they filled 50 boxes with candy, peanuts and stuffed dates and sent them to the Board of Trade rooms to be put into the baskets to be sent out to cheer little folks on Christmas. They financed it too, and they also made 700 stockings that were used by Santa in his community work, taking them home to sew after school hours.

92 Years Ago
December 26, 1907

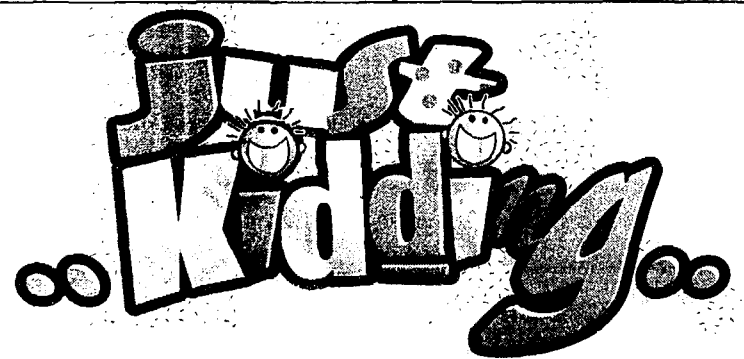
Will Woodburn has his feet under his dad's table for Christmas.

Ben Jerome, Will Fischer, George Kraus and Ole Johnson, students at M.A.C., are spending Christmas here at home.

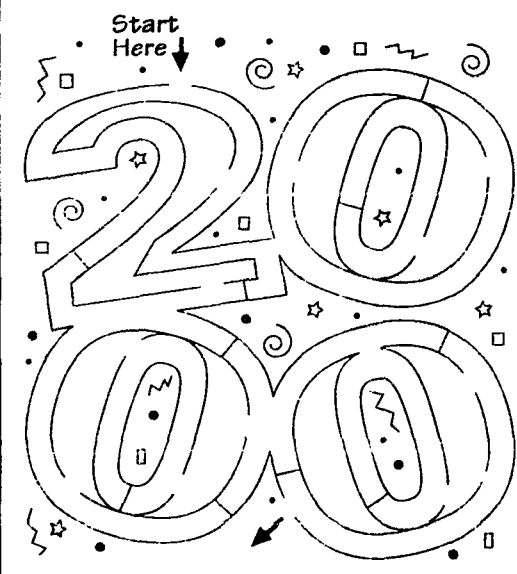
Miss Katherine Bates is home from Alma, and has resumed her place in the Post Office, where she is an expert.

Carl Johnson and Carl G. Johnson both of whom are attending Ferris Institute are home for the holidays. Also, Miss Elizabeth Sailing is home from Big Rapids.

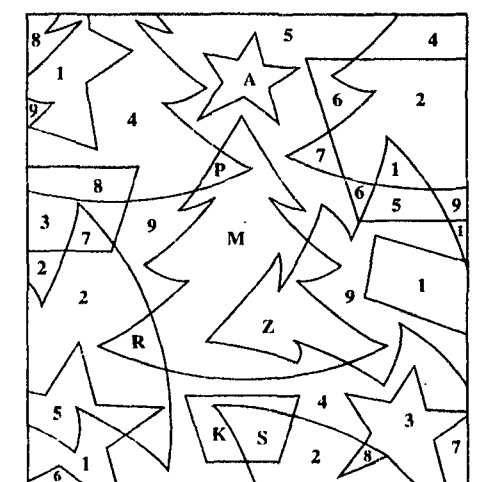
Arthur Fournier is home from Notre Dame University for the holiday vacation.



MAZE



HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
12/14	35	31	1.5"	1.5"
12/15	33	26	2"	3"
12/16	26	8	0.5"	3"
12/17	22	11		3"
12/18	26	2		3"
12/19	34	2		2"
12/20	35	6	1"	3"
Season Total 7"				

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
Wednesday - mostly cloudy, with snow showers possible, high in the teens.
Thursday - chance of snow showers, low of 5 - 10, high of 20 - 25.
Friday - chance of snow showers, low in the teens, high of 25 - 30.
Saturday - chance of snow showers, low of 15 - 20, high of 30 - 35.

4. Services Offered

MAKE YOUR OWN porcelain doll. Call for information 517-348-8350. (10/14/99t/4)

I CHARGE by the job not by the hour. Snow shoveling, sidewalks, driveways, porches, decks, houses, garages, sheds and wood cutting and wood stacking, etc. 517-348-5081 (-23-30/4)

TRANSMISSION WORLD Fluid changes \$19.95 and up, filters extra. Six months warranty or lifetime and factory rebuilt available. Free winter inspections. 517-344-1305 (-16-23/4)

BAND INSTRUMENT REPAIRS Thirty years experience, prompt service. Fred Battershell. (517) 275-8382 (LR5/18/00/4)

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9. Personals

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Mom & Dad - Kirk & Valerie
Love - Amy & James

Merry Christmas to Our Four Angels
Caitlin, Cierra, Erin & Emma
Love - Grandpa & Grandma

Merry Christmas Meghan & Connor
Love - Amy and Betty

4. Services Offered

PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (517) 848-2262. (3/19/91t/4)

SNOW PLOWING, snow removal and shoveling. Free estimates given. Call 517-344-6848 ask for Mike or leave a message on answering machine. (-23-30/4)

5. For Sale

1997 TORO SNOWBLOWER Used two years. Kept in storage. \$500 517-348-1470, 8-12 midnight. (-16-23/5)

LIKE NEW ELECTRIC 501 Reliance water heater, 40 gal., 6 mos. old. Replaced with gas heater \$75. 517-348-1809 (-16-23/5)

FOR SALE Dry oak, maple \$35 a cord. Cut, split and delivered. Stacking available. (517) 348-1870. Chris (LR1/6/00/5)

REGISTERED ROTTWEILER PUPPIES docked tails and dew claws cut. \$200 firm. 517-348-7234 (-16-23-30/5)

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9. Personals

Merry Christmas
Gordy, Meghan & Connor
Love Ya, Connie
a.k.a. Mommy

Happy Birthday
Hey look who turns 30 on Christmas Day! It's Pooh and Dudder.
Happy Birthday!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to Mom & Grandma from your family in Northern Michigan
Jim, Sandy, Joe & Jason

5. For Sale

SEASONED HARDWOOD OAK MAPLE \$40. F/C delivered and stacked. Leave message 517-348-6340. Minimum two cord. (LR2/24/00/5)

A COMPLETE QUEEN ORTHOPEDIC mattress set. Brass headboard frame, brand new. Liquidation was \$1,000 sacrifice for \$250. Delivery available. 517-731-6255 (LR1/27/00/5)

KIRBY VACUUM with shampoo attachment; also spray and sanding attachments. Paid \$1,400 will sell for \$450. 517-348-9325 (-16-23/5)

5. For Sale

BEANIE BABIES FOR SALE at Friends and Co. downtown Grayling, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23rd. Large selection for \$7 each, some higher. (-23/5)

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1995 POLARIS 600 XLT Indy. Excellent condition, 4,000 miles. \$2,700 O.B.O. 517-348-5372 after 6 p.m. (-9-16-23-30/5)

11. Automotive

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DOWN PAYMENT _____ TRADE-IN _____
SIGNATURE _____ MONTHLY INCOME _____

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Bring or Mail to:
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(517) 275-8922

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POLARIS DEALS! New 2000 Super sport 550 for \$3,688 plus freight and prep. All models on sale. Bank financing. Spicer's Boat City, 4165 West Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629. 517-366-8400 (-23-30/5)

5. For Sale

DOG SHI TZU Five months old with papers. \$200 O.B.O. Great family dog. 517-348-5842 (11/18/99t/5)

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11. Automotive

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- ** Last Paystub

** Name, Address and Phone # of 6 References.
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Minimum charge, \$4.00 for the first 15 words, 10¢ for each additional word. Please use as many words as you like, one word per box. Includes listing on the Avalanche internet page.

4. For Sale

MUST SELL Savage Model 110 7mm mag. and 270 win. both have Simmons 3 x 9 scopes. Call anytime 517-348-5257 or leave a message. (-23/5)

5. For Sale

MATTRESS SETS FULL size, and gas dryer, good condition. Woodland Motel. 517-348-9094 (-16-23/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED TO BUY Hummels and Denim Day by Home Interiors. 1-517-473-2006 or 1-888-473-2006. (-2-9-16-23-30/6)

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11. Automotive

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8. Announcements

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NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS I, Angela L. Love, am not responsible for any bills or debts as of May 6, 1999 which have been incurred by Harry T. Love, Jr. due to divorce. (-16-23/8)

THINK SLED HEADS of Frederic for all your snowmobile parts and accessory needs. Call us at 517- DIG SNOW. Open Wednesdays till 8 p.m. through Christmas. (-24-2-9-16-23/8)

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8. Announcements

ATTENTION: SPIKE'S GUESTS we have two new menu features: Our Friday Fish Fry now has extended hours and lower prices, serving from noon until 4 p.m., all you can eat is \$6.95, a single portion is \$3.50, if you can't make it early our regular fish fry serves from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., all you can eat is \$6.95, a single portion is \$3.75. Saturday's feature, from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., is a Prime Rib dinner for \$9.95. Spike's Keg O'Nails, 301 N. James Street, Grayling. Take out available 517-348-7113. (9/30/99tf/8)

11. Automotive

CALL ADVANCE COLLISION for all of your auto body repairs. 517-348-7595 Happy Holidays. (-23-30/11)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

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10. Garage Sales

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A special "Thank You" to our Friends in the community for their continued support and to the Volunteers who faithfully give of their time and talents. Wishing everyone a safe and joyous Holiday Season.

THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED
December 24th, 25th, 26th and January 1st
REGULAR SHOP HOURS
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11. Automotive

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1989 Chevrolet, Cavalier, vin number of 1G1JC1113KJ207206.

For further information, please contact Deputy Coors at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. -23/11

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